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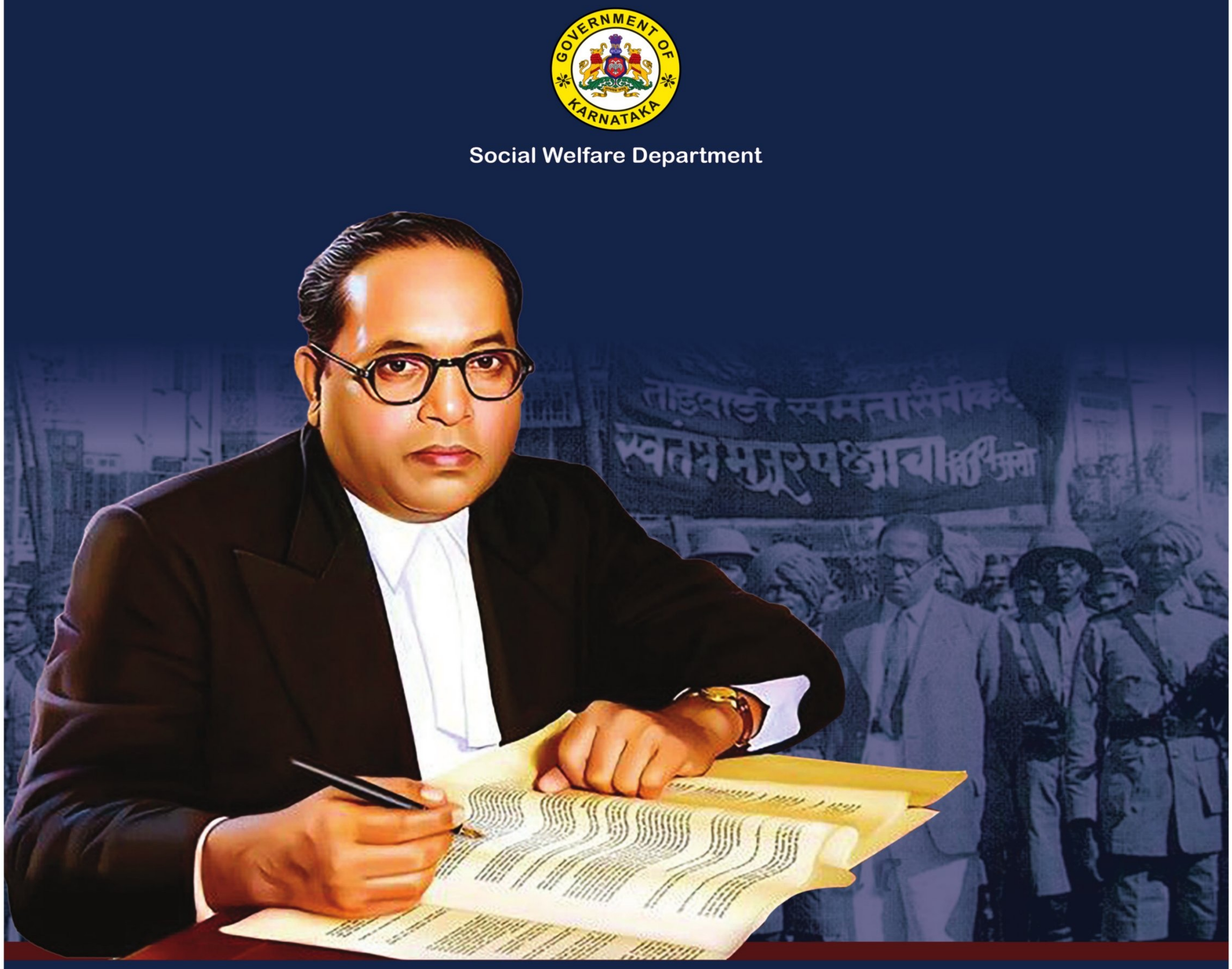
People gather as the mortal remains of singer Asha Bhosle are taken for last rites, in Mumbai on Monday | PTI

Asha Bhosle cremated with full state honours

Music legend Asha Bhosle was cremated at Shivaji Park in Mumbai with full state honours. A sea of people gathered on the streets of Mumbai to bid a final farewell as her mortal remains, draped in the Tricolour, were carried from her residence to the crematorium. The city witnessed an emotional outpouring as fans and members of the film fraternity came together to honour one of India's greatest voices | P10

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Social Welfare Department



"Education is the most important weapon to raise the standard of living of the people"

-Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

135th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Garlanding the Statue of

Architect of Indian Constitution, Great Humanitarian, Bharat Ratna

Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR

April 14, 2026, Tuesday at 10.00 AM

East Gate of Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

Stage Event

April 14, 2026, Tuesday at 10.30 AM

Grand Steps of Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

As is enshrined in our constitution, **"to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture"** - is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.

Commissioner
Social Welfare Department

Secretary to Government
Social Welfare Department

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ALMANAC TODAY
• **Tuesday:** 14.04.2026 • **Year:** Parabhava • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Chaitra • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Dwadasi 8.59 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Sathabhisha 1.05 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER — MIN 22°C | MAX 36°C — **FORECAST** Sunny

Sunrise 06.07 am | Sunset 06.32 pm | Moonrise 03.36 am | Moonset 03.43 pm

RISING HEAT: EXPERTS PITCH FOR CLIMATE STUDY IN BENGALURU

Say city gradually going Delhi way on weather

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN the wake of rising temperatures and the discomfort citizens are experiencing on a daily basis, experts said this is the right time to undertake a detailed and dedicated climatological assessment for Bengaluru. The aim is to know how much development and temperature the city can handle.

Researchers from IISc and EMPRI said Bengaluru is gradually going the Delhi way in terms of weather and climate. "The high altitude, which was once an advantage, is not helping any more due to the increasing concretisation. Bengaluru's growth was not a planned process, and its long term impact is now being experienced. We can go on complaining, but scientific data is required to channelise growth, and studies are being undertaken," said a researcher from Divecha Centre, IISc, requesting anonymity.

An official from Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) said data of relative humidity, rainfall, temperatures, air quality and population are essential for the assessment. "We have been warning the government of heating disasters, but it has paid no attention so far," said the official.

KH Vinay Kumar, the director of research at EMPRI, said, Bengaluru once had the title of being an air-conditioned city, but now, air-conditioning has become a necessity in summers. People do not realise that along with the increase of concretisation and vehicular population, ACs also contribute to the rise in temperatures. A study is required for controlling the city's growth, he said.

Prof TV Ramachandra from Centre for Ecological Sciences at IISc said, "In the report Urban Heat Island Linkages with Landscape Morphology, we pointed to unplanned developmental activities, increased paved surfaces and urban heat island effects as some of the prime reasons for high temperatures. The solution is simple – reduce concretisation, decongest the city, create mini-forests with native trees of at least 2Ha in every ward and reduce glass buildings. Blatant violations of the National Green Tribunal's directions have now led to the rise in temperatures."

According to India Meteorological Department (IMD) data, Bengaluru on Monday recorded a maximum of 35.6 degree Celsius – 1.6 degree Celsius higher than normal. On Sunday, the maximum temperature was 34.5 degree Celsius. The highest temperature recorded in 2025 was 35.4 degree Celsius on April 25. The minimum temperatures have also been on the rise. The minimum temperature recorded on Monday was 24.2 degree Celsius, 2.2 degree Celsius higher than normal.

IMD officials have warned of further rise in temperatures in the coming days. CS Patil, a scientist with the IMD, said, "Temperatures will increase further. There is a strong anti-cyclonic circulation over Karnataka and central India, due to which cloud formation is not taking place. The heat island effect in Bengaluru is also adding to the discomfort."

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CENSUS DUTY

Teachers seek practical allocation of area

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HUNDREDS of government and aided schoolteachers and pre-university college lecturers protested at the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) headquarters at NR Square on Monday, demanding that Chief Commissioner M Maheswar Rao allot census duty scientifically. They also demanded that teachers aged over 59 and those with health issues be exempted from census duty.

Members led by the Karnataka State Pre-University College Lecturers' Association pointed out that hundreds of teachers and lecturers are being assigned census duties more than 30km from their homes.

President Ningegowda AH told *TNIE*, "There are teachers staying in Kengeri who are allocated census duty in Yelahanka. Lecturers working in Bannerghatta are to survey Yelahanka. How fair is this? We are not asking the government to completely exempt us from the survey, but to be scientific in allocation."

MLC Puttanna, who joined the members, said that the survey locations should be near the work location or home of the teachers, and that they were already bogged down with evaluation and other work.

The members said Maheshwar Rao had told the protesting teachers to submit their requests for re-allocation of census area to the respective city corporation commissioners through the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI). They also said those suffering from health issues could get exemption by furnishing the required medical certificates.

Schoolteachers protest at the GBA head office at NR Square on Monday

Get self-enumeration done by April 15: GBA

Following poor response to self-enumeration for the Census 2027, the five city corporations have urged citizens to complete it. The self-enumeration window, which was opened for Karnataka on April 1, is ending on April 15. Due to a lack of awareness, citizens have not taken it up as expected. Greater Bengaluru Authority Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao on Monday called upon citizens to complete the self-survey, as it would take only five minutes and can be done either on phone or on the portal: https://se.census.gov.in. **ENS**

Farmers: If we give up land, where should we go, take our livestock?

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"THERE are 25,000 arecanut trees, 5,000 mango trees and 10,000 coconut palms. There are 60 families involved in dairy farming, and if land is taken away, families involved in agriculture will have nowhere to go," said Hanumanthaiah, a villager in Bannigiri.

He added that if the government wants to decongest Bengaluru, it can open industries, build townships in North Karnataka, and also arrest migration and provide employment, instead of taking away prime irrigated land and turning farmers into sacrificial lambs. "Most of them are in their early 40s, and the only thing they know is agriculture, which has now been threatened," said Hanumanthaiah.

Byramangala, Kunchuganahalli Gram Panchayatgala Raithara Bhoo Hitharakshana Samiti president Ramaiah says that none of the villagers had been consulted about the project, and the government is going ahead and announcing a compensation package for farmers parting with land. "There are nearly 50,000 livestock, and 6 lakh litres of milk are supplied monthly from these two gram panchayats. If we give up land, where should we go, and where should we take our livestock? It appears people in power have become arrogant, and that is not good for democracy," said Ramaiah.

Former Byramangala Taluk Panchayat member HG Prakash, suspecting foul play over gomala land, opined that the real estate mafia may be behind such a move. In 2024, government correspondence showed there are 2,800 acres of gomala land, which may be used for personal gains on the pretext of building a township.

He also explained that farmers have spent Rs 5-10 lakh over the years to build irrigation infrastructure by tapping water resources from Suvarnamuki in the east, and Vrushabhavathi stream and Byramangala lake in the west and south. "Motor pumphouses were built next to streams, and through a pipeline laid up to 3km, water was drawn and released into the lands. Borewells were drilled, and borewell water was diverted to fields. This way, the entire region turned green. Over one lakh trees are covered, and livestock are under threat," said Prakash.

He added that before the assembly elections, local Magadi MLA HC Balakrishna had promised to stand with farmers and assured them the idea would be dropped, but after coming to power, he has changed his stance.

HC Balakrishna, Magadi MLA, said on April 16, cabinet approval is likely to be given for the project, and compensation will be given to farmers parting with their land. Up to Rs 2.60 crore per acre will be given. The government will also give 45 per cent of the developed area. Nearly 70 per cent of farmers have agreed to give their land for development. Like in any place, there will be some objections; here also, we have objections from 20-30 per cent of farmers.

A farmer tends to his livestock near Bidadi | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

LIE OF THE LAND

Villages under Byramangala GP

Mandlahalli; Anchipura; Anchipura Colony; Marvegowdandoddi; Kodahalli; Kempashetti Doddi; Chikka Byramangala

Villages under Kunchegaranahalli GP

Kanchgaranahalli; Kempayyanapalya; Thayappanadoddi; Allalasandra; Manganahalli; Siddaiahna Doddi; Angarapalya; Hosuru; Kodidoddi Palya; Nanjegowdana Doddi; Gollahalli; Karikal Doddi; KG Gollarapalya;

Ningappana Doddi

- Total population in both **GPs: 17,000**
- Families impacted: **5,000**

Annual turnover

- Silk (2,000-plus acres): **₹32cr**
- Dairy farming (6 lakh litres): **₹25cr**
- Coconut palms (3lakh): **₹70cr**
- Baby corn: **₹60cr**

Farmers have been on protest against land acquisition for at least 395 days | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

PRR sangha seeks scrapping of Ph-1 tender

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THE PRR Raitha Haagu Niveshanadharara Sangha (PRR farmers' and site owners' association) has sought cancellation of the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) Phase-1 tender floated on March 30, claiming that the project has lapsed under BDA rules.

In a letter to Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC) Chairman LK Atheeq, the forum cited lack of a detailed project report (DPR), environmental clearance and pending court cases, and termed the process illegal, warning of legal action in higher courts if authorities fail to act.

The association argued that under Section 27 of the BDA Act, any scheme not implemented within five years automatically lapses. They pointed out that the PRR project, which received the final notification in 2007, has seen no compensation payment, land acquisition or development activity, and should therefore be treated as lapsed.

CITY VISIT

Elephant Rashmi cools down after arriving at Freedom Park from Sri Karibasaveshwara Mutt in Tumakuru on Monday, to participate in the Ambedkar Jayanti programme on Tuesday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Highest scores in PU Exam-1 & 2 will be considered for CET, clarifies KEA

After receiving frequent calls from students in the past two days following the release of II PU Exam-1 results, the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has clarified that the highest marks obtained by students in either Exam-1 or Exam-2 will be considered for the CET results. KEA Executive Director H Prasanna said, "There should be no confusion in this matter. Some candidates are also taking the second exam to improve the marks obtained in Exam-1. For such candidates, the highest marks obtained in one of these exams will be considered for the CET rank." "The CET result will be announced only after the results of both the exams of II PUC are out," he added.He also clarified that these rules are applicable only to PU candidates of the Karnataka state syllabus. It does not apply to candidates taking board exams of the central syllabus and other states. **ENS**

Metro hours extended, spl BMTC buses for IPL matches

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TO facilitate smooth travel during the upcoming IPL 2026 matches, the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited and Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation have announced special transport arrangements for match days at M Chinnaswamy Stadium.

BMRCL will extend metro services on April 15 and 24, when night matches are scheduled. The last train services from terminal stations will operate till 2 am the following day. Trains from Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station, Majestic will depart towards all directions at 1.30 am. However, services on April 18 will run as per the regular schedule without extension as the match is scheduled in the afternoon.

To ease commuter movement, digital IPL tickets will include QR codes enabling two-way metro travel.

Spectators have been advised to use Cubbon Park Metro Station for entry via Cubbon Road and Mahatma Gandhi Road Metro Station for access through Link Road. Additional parking facilities have also been arranged across multiple metro stations, with a flat fee of Rs. 30 for two-wheelers and Rs. 60 for cars.

Meanwhile, BMTC will operate special bus services from the stadium to key destinations across the city, including Sarjapura, Electronic City, Bannerghatta National Park, Yelahanka, Hosakote, and Banashankari. These services will be deployed based on traffic demand to ensure last-mile connectivity.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

14th April : On a Mercury Sign Change Mercury's sign change advises forethought in matters of communication. At the very least, send kind thoughts out before you send yourself out. If applicable, do research about what you're getting into. Anticipate need and expectation. Have a few icebreakers or ideas in your pocket. This will set the tone for smooth, pleasant and fun interactions.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You'll do the things today that make you more gorgeous tomorrow. It's not just about health, fitness or better skin. It's a soul-deep effort involving self-examination, compassion turned inward and behaviors of support and kindness aimed at you, from you.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
A single good negotiation changes the trajectory. Small percentage gains compound. Ask for more than you're used to asking. Raises, higher rates, better terms. Money appears simply because you finally ask for it.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
What's needed isn't obvious, and your last evaluation no longer fits the moment. Conditions have changed. Step back and reassess. A quick recalibration now puts you ahead of anyone still acting on old information.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Opportunities travel through people. Expand your circle of collaboration. New partnerships, introductions and communities will bring possibilities you wouldn't find on your own. The focus should align with what you want to do both creatively and financially.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
In relationships or environments where second-guessing is the norm, life gets stressful. Every decision and interaction becomes twice the emotional labor, which causes you to move slowly and tire out quickly. You deserve to be in environments of trust.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Labeling a thing can help you to understand, organize and manage it. But be aware that the definition can also put a limit on what a thing is or cause it to show up in only the ways that match the name.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
If you even wonder for a second if there's a better use of your energy and talent, then of course you're right. The challenges that are a good fit for you are out there. Don't doubt it, and don't settle for the boring same ol' thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Physical pain is a signal you instinctively respect. You pull back. You protect yourself. Emotional pain deserves the same credibility. If something hurts your feelings, don't pretend otherwise. Get away first, analyze later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
It's one thing to do the right thing when everyone is watching, and quite another to do the right thing alone. The first is expected. The second signals character. Those with integrity don't think about being good. They just are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
The work may not seem inherently interesting to you, and that is precisely what makes it a perfect vehicle for your sparkling personality. It's an ideal channel for your creativity. It's an excellent mechanism for interpersonal bonding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
In the world of computer viruses, a little nefarious code has the potential to corrupt the whole system. Negative self-talk is a little like this. Deal with it head-on. Find the phrase that's not helping and rewrite, replace or delete.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Being honest about what you want and really going for it – that's a thrill. But if you can only do the first part, you'll have done more than most people. Start by noticing your micro-reactions. What do you linger on, envy, avoid or replay?

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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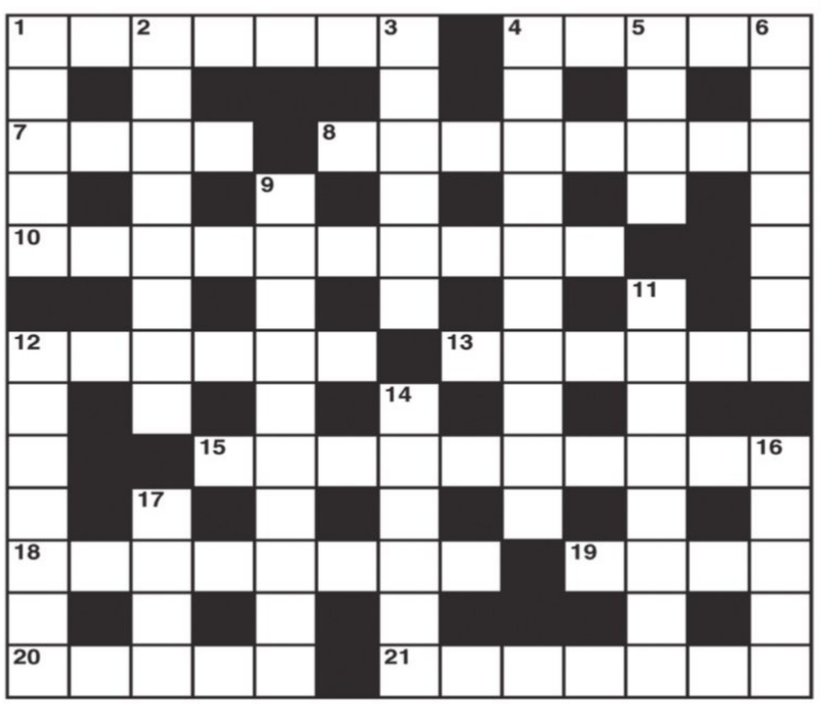
SUDOKU EVIL

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 One result of striking a match (7)
4 Clear the area (5)
7 Resistance units serving the King (4)
8 Previous warning of course has worked (8)
10 Sharply picked out (10)
12 Audible break in part of the barrel (6)
13 Produced a publication and is taken to court (6)
15 Unable to work after leaving the fraternity? (3,2,5)
18 All too human story in which evil makes a comeback (8)
19 Cheat the officer - he's stupid (4)
20 Wicked impulse that makes men do havoc (5)
21 Went by inordinately pleased (7)

DOWN

1 Shout of joy of rock group given work (5)
2 Spotted things to play with (8)
3 Instruct but don't allow to fly (6)
4 Stress follows before a claim (10)
5 Eager to work in silver (4)
6 Provoked by want to have gone ahead (7)
9 A verdict is reached in the end (10)
11 Great place for fresh air! (8)
12 Given instruction in law (7)
14 A wool-gatherer perhaps (6)
16 Estimated trade turnover (5)
17 Most desirable fruit (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Deliverance, 9 Actress, 10 Lance, 11 Earl, 12 Freehold, 14 Emblem, 16 Statue, 18 Ice cubes, 19 Cast, 22 Vodka, 23 Apropos, 24 Shoe leather.

Down: 2 Enter, 3 Ibex, 4 Ensure, 5 Ailments, 6 Consort, 7 Make believe, 8 Readvertise, 13 Regulate, 15 Breadth, 17 Beware, 20 Ample, 21 Trot.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

CEKEH

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RJAUGA

SLNOES

Girls! Be nice!
I just texted your boyfriend. Why'd you break up with him?
Ha ha! I love your sense of humor.
2/17
EVEN THOUGH HER TWIN SISTER COULD BE IRRITATING, SHE LOVED HER ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BUILD GROOM DRESSY JACKET
Answer: When the ones and threes pitched in to fix things around the house, they did — ODD JOBS

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Ramanathi Dam in Tamil Nadu's Tenkasi, which has a storage capacity of 84 feet, has completely dried up, exposing large areas of cracked land | V KARTHIKALAGU

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SOUTHWEST MONSOON RAINFALL TO BE BELOW NORMAL THIS YEAR: IMD

This year's southwest monsoon rainfall over the country is likely to be below normal, the India Meteorological Department said on Monday

RAINFALL TO BE 92% OF LONG-PERIOD AVERAGE

India is expected to receive 80 cm of rainfall during the season—the long period average (1971-2020) of the seasonal rainfall over India is 87 cm. "Quantitatively, the seasonal rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be 92 per cent of LPA with a model error of +/- 5 per cent," Dr M Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology at the IMD, said | P9

EL NINO LIKELY TO EMERGE AROUND JUNE

- One of the reasons for below normal rainfall could be the emergence of the El Nino conditions, which cause less rainfall in the country
- Climate models indicate that El Nino conditions are likely to emerge around the month of June. Besides, positive Indian Ocean Dipole conditions can develop in the second half of the monsoon season

Jun-Sep
THE PERIOD WHEN THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON COVERS THE COUNTRY

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

Tehran warns of attacks as US block of ports begins, oil goes past $100

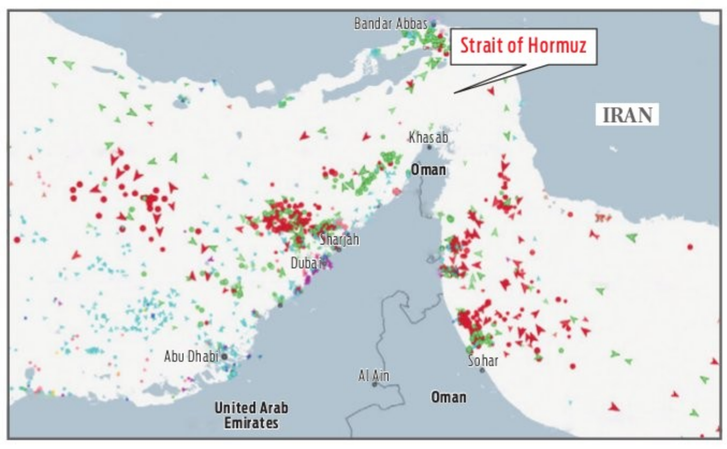
Iran warns it will hit all ports in Gulf; France-UK set to hold meet to get Strait of Hormuz opened

AGENCIES @ Dubai, Washington

THE US on Monday walked the talk on blocking all maritime traffic entering and exiting Iranian ports from 7.30 pm IST, the deadline it had set for the exercise. President Donald Trump warned that any Iranian attack boats that approach the naval blockade will be "eliminated".

The US Central Command said US forces would not impede vessels transiting the Strait to and from non-Iranian ports. Trump's warnings set the stage for an extraordinary showdown that poses serious risks for the global economy and raises the spectre that the ceasefire could collapse and the war could resume. Talks aimed at ending the conflict, which began February 28 with US and Israeli strikes on Iran, failed to reach an agreement this past weekend in Pakistan.

Top-ranking Iranian officials threatened retaliation. Ebrahim Rezaei, a spokesperson for the Iranian parliament's National Security Commission, dismissed US warnings as bluster while warning that "Tehran was prepared to respond if the situation escalates militarily. Iranian parliament speaker, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, addressed Trump in a statement: "If you fight, we will fight... Tehran will not bow to any threats."



Oil tankers (red) and cargo ships (green) stuck around the Hormuz at 7 pm IST. The US' blockade of Iranian ports aims to force Iran to give up control of the strait | MARINE TRAFFIC

DAY 45 | WAR WATCH

Meanwhile, Russia said it stands ready to take in Iran's highly enriched uranium as part of a future peace deal with the US, the Kremlin said on Monday.

Globally, leaders urged restraint. Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said a ceasefire between the United States and Iran was "holding". Qatar's foreign minister and Premier Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani told his Iranian counterpart that Iran and US should engage positively.

France and Britain will co-host a conference this week involving more than 40 nations to discuss a multinational mission to restore shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. China, which is reliant on energy supplies coming through the strait, called for "unimpeded" navigation through the waterway.

Oil prices, meanwhile, are back above $100 per barrel.

Pope Leo XIV said the Vatican's appeals for peace are rooted in the Gospel, and that he doesn't fear the Trump administration.

Iranian crude returns to India after 7 years

Two supertankers carrying Iranian crude have arrived at Indian ports on both the east and west coasts, marking the first such deliveries in nearly seven years, according to ship-tracking data. The shipments are the first Iranian crude cargoes to reach Indian shores in nearly seven years, following a sanctions waiver issued by the United States last month. The buyers of the cargoes reaching Indian coasts have not been formally disclosed.

EXPRESS READ

Trustees expel Panchamasali seer

Davanagere: The Panchamasali Gurupeet trustees near Hanagawadi in Davangere district expelled its head Vachanananda Swamy. This decision was taken in a meeting held on Monday, which was attended by 13 out of 15 trustees | P7

Nutrition advisory for govt meetings

Bengaluru: The health department has issued a nutrition advisory mandating healthier food in government meetings, recommending millet-based snacks, low-fat and low-sugar items, fruits and traditional foods | P4

Inflation hits 12-mnth high of 3.4% in March

New Delhi: The impact of the Iran conflict on inflation remained muted in March, even as retail inflation rose to a 12-month high of 3.4%, compared to 3.34% in the year-ago period and 3.21% in February | P12

Shocking charges of conversion at TCS Nashik

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

WITH the sexual harassment case at the Nashik office of Tata Consultancy Services taking a religious turn over allegation of forced conversion, the company said the matter would be probed by Chief Operating Officer Aarthi Subramanian.

Calling the allegations "gravely concerning and anguishing", Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran said the matter was being treated with utmost seriousness.

In a statement, Chandrasekaran said action had already been initiated against the accused staff and the company was extending full cooperation to the ongoing investigation.

"Appropriate and stringent action will be taken against those found guilty. Any necessary process improvements or corrective measures will be promptly implemented and strictly enforced," he added.

Last week, police formed a special investigation team to probe the complaints lodged by eight employees, who said senior colleagues mentally and sexually harassed them, and the HR department ignored their complaints. Police have arrested seven persons, including the HR manager.

The Nascent Information Technology Employees Senate (NITES), an employees' body representing IT sector workers, approached the Ministry of Labour and Employment seeking a detailed audit of Prevention of Sexual Harassment compliance (POSH) at TCS.

NITES has also called for an examination of all sexual harassment complaints received, pending, or disposed of within the organisation over the past several years, along with the action taken in each case. It further sought an assessment of the role and accountability of the HR and senior management in handling complaints and ensuring a safe workplace.

It also demanded a probe into whether workers were discouraged from reporting complaints or subjected to retaliation.

PROTEST OVER WAGES ROCK NOIDA

(Left) A police bike burns after it was set ablaze during a protest by factory workers demanding wage hikes in Noida, Uttar Pradesh on Monday; (right) Security personnel chase away protesters. The protests turned violent in parts of the city with incidents of arson, vandalism and stone-pelting reported from Phase-2 and Sector 60 areas. A large number of workers from various industrial units gathered to press for their long-pending demand for salary revision | PARVEEN NEGI

SC refuses relief for Bengal voters removed from roll

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court said on Monday that it cannot hear people whose appeals against exclusion from the voter list are pending before the appellate tribunals to vote in the upcoming West Bengal Assembly elections.

The court noted that about 34 lakh appeals filed by people challenging their non-inclusion in the voter list are pending before the tribunals.

"We cannot create a situation where we burden the appellate tribunal judges," a bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said. "We need to protect due process rights. The voter should not be sandwiched between two constitutional authorities," Justice Bagchi said.

The bench was hearing a batch of petitions filed by those whose appeals against their exclusions from the voter roll are pending before the appellate tribunals.

The petitioners sought an order from the court directing the ECI to extend the date of freezing of electoral rolls so that they can vote in the elections, in the event their appeals are allowed. The electoral rolls are frozen as on April 9. Justice Bagchi clarified that those whose appeals were allowed by April 9 would be included in the voter list.

We need to protect due process rights. The voter should not be sandwiched between two constitutional authorities

Justice Joymalya Bagchi

Justice Bagchi also raised concerns about the ongoing SIR process in West Bengal and emphasised that there is a need to have a "robust appellate mechanism" to consider the appeals filed by persons whose names were deleted from the electoral rolls. He specifically noted that when it came to West Bengal, the ECI deviated from the process in other states and introduced a new category called 'Logical Discrepancy'.

Adi Godrej's son Pirojsha to take over as grp chairman

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

TWO years after the Godrej group split between Adi Godrej-led Godrej Industries Group and Jamshyd Godrej-led Godrej Enterprises Group, Godrej Industries Group on Monday announced a leadership transition. Adi Godrej's younger brother Nadir Godrej will step down as chairman in August upon turning 75 and Adi's son Pirojsha will take over. Nadir will assume the role of chairman emeritus, along with Adi.

In a regulatory filing on Monday, Godrej Industries, the holding company of the Godrej Industries Group, along with Godrej Agrovet and Astec Lifesciences, announced the leadership transitions. "Nadir will step down from the boards of Godrej Industries, Godrej Agrovet, Godrej Consumer Products, and Godrej Properties by then... Nadir has also stepped down as chairperson and non-executive director of Astec," it said.

Nadir Godrej

Pirojsha Godrej

Pirojsha will take over as chairperson of Godrej Industries Group and Godrej Industries on August 14. He will continue to serve as chairperson of Godrej Properties, Godrej Capital, and Godrej Ventures.

Nadir's son Burjis Godrej will serve as chairperson of Godrej Agrovet and will join the board of Godrej Industries as a non-executive director from August 14. Burjis has stepped down as managing director of Astec and will continue to serve on its board as a non-executive director.

Godrej Industries Group, led by Adi and Nadir, consists of five listed firms—Godrej Industries, Godrej Consumer Products, Godrej Properties, Godrej Agrovet, and Astec Lifesciences.

Bidadi farmers dig their heels in, not ready to give up land

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bidadi (Bengaluru South district)

FARMERS from over 20 villages spread across Byramangala and Kunchugaranhalli Gram Panchayats in Bidadi are continuing their 395-day protest at Byramangala Main Road, against the government's move to acquire their fertile agricultural land to build the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township.

The project was proposed on 9,600 acres, including 2,000 acres for AI City, in September 2025, but farmers are not ready to part with land inherited from their forefathers, and give up their identity in exchange for compensation.

Nagaraja Mandlahalli, a farmer with 40 acres of land, says that 25 years ago, the area was dry land, but farmers across the two GPs tapped the Suvarnamukhi and Vrushabhavathi.

"You don't have to go to Malnad region to see irrigated land, we will show you the same effect 30km from Bengaluru. Farmers here are involved in allied agriculture, and sericulture and dairy farming are the backbone. Some have grown arecanut, and I have grown cardamom.

Farmer Nagaraja grows different varieties of fruits on his farm near Bidadi in Ramanagara district | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

We are happy and content but the government, through land acquisition, is planning to make us dependent," he said.

Nagaraja's wife Bhagya is worried, saying the decision was not taken back, and if the state government -- through force or coercion -- takes away their land for such a project, 25 per cent of women in these two gram panchayats will suffer. "Women dairy farmers are financially independent and run their homes," said Bhagya.

For Bannigiri village, one of the first to irrigate its entire land, the government's announcement has come as a death knell. The village has around 200 families involved in allied agriculture activity.

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PM MODI SAYS INDIA ON BRINK OF HISTORIC QUOTA

India is on the brink of making a big decision as Parliament will meet to end "decades of waiting" by amending the Women's Reservation Act for its implementation in 2029, the PM said on Monday | P9

FROM PIT TO FREEDOM

Tusker freed from 30-ft well in 12-hour dramatic rescue op

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

ON a quiet Sunday night, the otherwise unbroken stillness of the farmlands bordering the Pumale reserve forest was shattered by frantic trumpeting. A lone tusker, estimated to be aged between 20 and 25, had fallen into an open well, nearly 30 feet deep, within an arecanut plantation near Peraja. The plantation, owned by Ramesh Naik at Kalcharpe, is located around 6km from Sullia town in Dakshina Kannada.

What began as uneasy, distant sounds in the darkness quickly escalated into a harrowing, all-night vigil by forest personnel, and by dawn, it had become a relentless race against time to save a life.

"We received information about 11.30 pm. There was a lot of commotion from the surrounding fields. Our personnel rushed to the spot and confirmed that an elephant had fallen into the well," said Deputy Conservator of Forests Antony Mariappa.

The tusker had fallen into the open dry well near Peraja in Dakshina Kannada

In the darkness, the team had little choice but to keep the situation under close watch and wait for daylight. Through the night, forest staff maintained a careful vigil, ensuring the distressed animal stayed as calm as possible to prevent any further danger.

At the break of first light, the true challenge became apparent. The well was located within an inaccessible stretch of land, rendering standard rescue measures extremely difficult. By 6.30 am, teams brought in heavy machinery, surveying and mapping out a safe route for the tusker to escape. However, the elephant was almost 30 feet below ground level. "We had to excavate nearly the entire depth, up to the shoulder level of the elephant," Mariappa said. P7

KPCC has invited youngsters "who believe in the party's ideology" to become its spokespersons. Announcing the same on social media platform 'X', KPCC said that this was an opportunity that the Congress was giving to the new generation to represent voices from all sections of society

CM defends guarantees, says K'taka finances are stronger than Centre's

Says guarantees are also a kind of development & his govt achieved meaningful progress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chikkamagaluru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah underlined that guarantees designed to advance the welfare of the people are, in themselves, a form of development.

Speaking at the inauguration programme of the Handur–NR Pura Bridge in the Bhadra backwaters, and during the distribution of benefits at NR Pura in Chikkamagaluru district on Monday, Siddaramaiah said that Karnataka's financial position is far healthier than that of the Centre, and asserted that his government has delivered real development in addition to the guarantees.

The CM pointed out that several development works have been launched today, including the bridge constructed at a cost of Rs 36 crore.

Taking aim at the opposition's criticism — claiming a "fund crunch" for development, that the treasury is "empty" owing to the guarantees, and that development has come to a standstill — he rejected the charge and maintained that his administration has achieved meaningful progress alongside the guarantees.

"Guarantees are also a kind of development," he said, invoking Dr BR Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution. Dr Ambedkar, he reminded, had stressed that economic, social, and educational freedom are indispensable for the success of political freedom. The opposition, Siddaramaiah urged, should reflect on Dr Ambedkar's vision.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurates a bridge across the Bhadra backwaters at NR Pura in Chikkamagaluru district on Monday | EXPRESS

'Centre has betrayed state'

During the reign of Narasimharaja Wadiyar, Edehalli village was renamed Narasimharajapura. In keeping with the local MLA's request to ensure development in the region, the construction of the bridge was undertaken. The CM further assured the people that his government will proceed with the remaining works, including road widening, barrage–bridge construction, and initiatives to boost tourism.

Siddaramaiah also took the Centre to task for not releasing, so far, the grants of Rs 5,300 crore that had been announced in the 2023–24 budget for the Upper Bhadra project. "The Centre has betrayed the people of the state," he said, adding that only the Congress government is "walking the talk."

"Our government has already spent Rs 1.30 lakh crore on guarantees till now," he said.

He further criticised the BJP for contradicting its own actions, alleging that when the BJP claims that guarantees are financially harmful, it is simultaneously replicating similar schemes in other states. "The state's financial standing is far better than the Centre's," he asserted, accusing the BJP of bias and of spreading "false propaganda." "Lies are the family deity of BJP leaders," he charged.

Responding to state BJP president BY Vijayendra's demand for a white paper on the state's fiscal position, Siddaramaiah said the remarks reflected a lack of understanding and failed to consider the salient features of the state budget. He alleged that the Centre's assurances of 'Acche Din' proved hollow, and accused it of cheating the state by withholding grants recommended by the 15th Finance Commission.

"BJP leaders issue statements purely for publicity. We have fulfilled our promises," he said. He concluded by urging the public not to be misled by the BJP's narrative.

Cong MLAs meet Kharge in Delhi, seek cabinet posts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A delegation of 15 Congress MLAs from Karnataka met All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge at his New Delhi residence on Monday evening and lobbied for ministerial posts when Chief Minister Siddaramaiah reshuffles his cabinet.

Kharge, who was in Bengaluru in the morning, landed in Delhi by evening and met the legislators. After meeting Kharge, former minister TB Jayachandra exuded confidence that the reshuffle would happen soon.

"Kharge has responded positively and with compassion. In the interest of the party, the high command will take a call," Jayachandra told reporters.

Replying to Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar's warning, Jayachandra clarified that the MLAs have not violated party discipline. "We met none other than our party chief. If there is an internal democracy in any political party, it is in Congress," Jayachandra remarked.

Chief Whip in the Assembly Ashok Pattan said that the reshuffle may happen after the results of the five-state Assembly elections and bypolls to Davangere South and Bagalakot are announced on May 4. MLAs Beluru Gopalakrishna, Vijay Kulkarni, K Shadakshari, and others were part of the delegation. They are likely to stay in Delhi for a few more days and plan to meet AICC general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal and the party's state in charge Randeep Singh Surjewala.

Some SC community MLAs, including Kollegal MLA AR Krishnamurthy, are likely to return to Karnataka to take part in the Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations on Tuesday and fly back to Delhi again, informed sources said.

Karnataka Congress MLAs call on All-India Congress Committee president Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi on Monday evening | EXPRESS

MLAs must maintain party discipline, warns Shivakumar

"All MLAs must maintain party discipline. They must respect the party. They should not damage the party's reputation in front of the media. The Chief Minister has already spoken on this matter. Everyone's future lies with the party, not with the media," Deputy CM and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president Shivakumar said. He, however, maintained that there was nothing wrong with MLAs aspiring to become ministers. "Even first-time and second-time MLAs can become ministers... But this is not the right time. Elections are still going on. Some have gone to Tamil Nadu. Let the elections happen first, then we can think about this," he said.

Industrial hub to be developed along with ARAI Centre: MB Patil

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

UNION Minister for Heavy Industries H D Kumaraswamy and Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil said instead of a standalone Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) centre, a 500-acre industrial hub would be developed in Mandya district.

After the meeting with Kumaraswamy held at Vidhana Soudha on Monday, Patil said instructions have been given to Special Deputy Commissioner to identify suitable government or private land in Mandya district.

The ARAI centre conducts vehicle testing and certification. "We had identified 105 acres near Basaralu and this was largely been agreed upon. However, with the proposal to develop an industrial hub now under consideration, alternative land options have been suggested. About 425 acres of land near Belluru, adjacent to the Bengaluru-Mangaluru National Highway was acquired in 2021 for industrial purposes. The compensation is yet to be fully disbursed. The Union Government has been requested to consider this site as well," he said.

There was also suggestion for an industrial hub in Pandavapura adjoining the Thubinakere industrial area as well as along the borders of Mandya taluk. It has been decided to hold another round of discussions after receiving a detailed report from officials. Patil noted that the establishment of an industrial hub would attract investment, boost economic activity, and generate employment opportunities.

He said that about 25-50 acres of land is required for Andrew Yule Company Limited (AYCL) to set up its manufacturing unit in Mandya district. The company manufactures electrical equipment, large industrial fans and transformers for industries. He assured that the required land would be provided at the earliest.

Karnataka Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil greets Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru on Monday | PIC: X

State BJP chief BY Vijayendra takes a selfie at the Town Hall for Women on the Nari Shakthi Vandana Act-2026 in Bengaluru on Monday. Union MoS and Bengaluru North MP Shobha Karandlaje is seen | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Vijayendra praises 33% reservation for women

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KARNATAKA BJP president BY Vijayendra said the country's women not only do household work today but also lead the country. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unwavering faith in the women of this country. The PM has repeatedly conveyed not only to the nation but to the entire world that women play a crucial role in nation-building," he said.

Speaking at the 'Town Hall for Women' on "Nari Shakti Vandan Act - 2026" organised by the Nari Shakti Forum in Bengaluru on Monday, Vijayendra appreciated the Bill and said, "We are eagerly waiting for the moment when 33% reservation will be granted to women, with the noble intention of ensuring social justice and providing political representation to women, who constitute more than 50% of the country's population."

Meanwhile, Union Minister for State Shobha Karandlaje said that the Act, after coming into effect, will enable the country to witness women-led development. The participants were encouraged to give a missed call to a phone number (96671 73333), in support of the Bill.

"We protested for implementation of 50% women reservation in Panchayath level, we encourage the Bill," said Padma Sri recipient and social activist Dr Susheelamma.

After Jabbar, Naseer quitting will be major jolt for Siddaramaiah camp

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE much anticipated resignation by MLC Naseer Ahmed as Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's political secretary, will come as a setback to the latter's camp.

The party high command has reportedly asked Siddaramaiah to take Naseer's resignation, following reports that the latter was allegedly involved in anti-party activities during the Davangere South bypolls held on April 9.

On Sunday, Siddaramaiah had spoken in Chikkamagaluru, confirming that Naseer would resign from his post.

Naseer on Monday held deliberations on his resignation with his well-wishers, including Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan. KPCC Minority Cell president Abdul Jabbar has already resigned for allegedly conspiring to defeat party candidate Samarth Shamanur.

Abdul Jabbar

According to Council chief whip Saleem Ahmed and Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad, Naseer and Zameer had defied instructions by Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar to ensure that Congress rebel candidate Sadiq Pailwan withdraws his nomination papers. They had allegedly suggested to Sadiq not to withdraw his papers, following which he remained in the fray. Saleem and Rizwan managed to convince Sadiq to pull out of the contest, which he finally did after meeting the CM and DCM.

Sadiq had revealed to All-India Congress Committee (AICC) secretary Abhishek Dutt that Zameer had advised him to remain in the fray, according to sources. Zameer's detractors are highlighting this point so that the high command drops him from the cabinet during the reshuffle.

They are also envious that he is in the race for the Deputy Chief Minister's post from the minority quota.

Zameer, Naseer and Jabbar are from the Siddaramaiah camp, and this dissidence can be considered a setback to the Chief Minister.

In the past, former cooperation minister KN Rajanna has had to resign for allegedly criticising Leader od Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's 'vote chori' campaign against the BJP. When it comes to violation of party discipline, even Siddaramaiah becomes helpless as he cannot defend his sympathisers, said a Congress leader.

"He has not taken it seriously since his focus is to get the high command's nod for a cabinet reshuffle," he remarked.

15,032 JOBS

SHLCC gives nod for ₹18K cr investment proposals

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@ Bengaluru

THE State High-Level Clearance Committee (SHLCC), chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, on Monday approved investment proposals worth Rs 18,430.44 crore and is expected to generate employment for 15,032 persons across Karnataka.

At its 67th meeting held on Monday, the State High-Level Clearance Committee cleared a total of 17 project proposals, including 11 new investments and six proposals for expansion or additional investments.

More jobs

The 11 new projects will attract investments of Rs 14,906.9 crore and will likely create 13,050 jobs in various districts of the state.

Meanwhile, the six expansion proposals will bring in an additional Rs 3,523.54 crore investment, generating 1,982 employment opportunities.

The approvals are part of the State Government's ongoing efforts to boost industrial growth and employment generation.

HEALTH MATTERS

Karnataka issues nutrition advisory for healthier govt meetings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Health Department has issued a nutrition advisory mandating healthier food in government meetings and functions. It recommends millet-based snacks, low-fat and low-sugar items, fruits, and traditional foods, while discouraging processed, fried, and sugary items. The move aims to promote preventive healthcare, hygiene, and better dietary practices in government offices.

The advisory highlights that food and beverages served in government settings often do not align with healthy nutrition standards. Stressing the World Health Organization's definition of health as overall physical, mental, and social well-being, the department underscored the role of proper diet in achieving long-term wellness. For in-house meetings, the advisory recommends millet-based snacks, low-fat and low-sugar items, and high-fibre foods free from additives like MSG. Fresh fruits, vegetable salads, sprouts, and roasted, unsalted nuts and seeds are encouraged. Beverages such as green tea, low-fat buttermilk, and boiled or filtered water are preferred over sugary or processed drinks. At larger government events and gatherings, departments have been directed to include at least one millet-based snack and two millet-based dishes in meals. The use of brown rice instead of white rice, inclusion of local cuisine, and freshly prepared salads and fruits are also recommended. Where non-vegetarian food is served, lean and well-cooked meat is advised.

The advisory extends to eateries within government campuses, mandating the inclusion of millet-based foods, fresh vegetables, and boiled legumes such as chickpeas and corn. The use of reusable metal utensils and avoidance of plastic bottles have also been emphasised. It also strongly discourages processed and fried foods, carbonated beverages, high-sugar juices, and alcohol. It also calls for maintaining strict hygiene in food preparation and service. The advisory also noted that departments are expected to adopt and promote these practices actively. The move is also aimed at supporting local self-help groups, cottage industries, and sustainable food systems, marking a shift towards healthier and more responsible consumption in government institutions.

Customs officers at Terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport busted four separate drug rackets on April 10, seizing 26.15 kg of hydroponic ganja worth around Rs 9.14 crores in total. Five people, all arriving from Bangkok, were arrested. The contraband was concealed in their checked-in baggage, with the largest shipment weighing 17.95 kg, being smuggled by two passengers

GYM COACH KILLS SELF, KIN ACCUSES MARRIED WOMAN OF BLACKMAIL

They were in relationship for 2 yrs, he ended his life while on video call

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 28-year-old body builder, who was working as a trainer at a fitness centre, has died by suicide owing to alleged emotional blackmail by a 42-year-old married woman.

R Dileep

The victim, R Dileep, took the extreme step at his residence in Vishwashanthi Layout in Vajarahalli in the city. The duo is suspected to have been in a relationship for the last two years.

The woman is accused of blackmailing the victim to register his property in her son's name. Dileep ended his life while on a video call with the woman on Saturday night. The woman immediately texted his sister about the suicide.

Dileep is said to have been extremely upset after returning home. He then went to his room and locked himself denying to have dinner. His sister, after reading the message she received from the woman, alerted the other family members. When there was no response, they broke open the door and saw Dileep hanging. They then shifted Dileep to a hospital, where he was declared brought dead.

Dileep reportedly became close to the woman while helping her in weight training. Their relationship had also strained and the matter had also reached the police station. Dileep is said to have compromised the matter in front of her husband. Despite this, both of them had continued the relationship.

Dileep's family has accused the woman of emotionally blackmailing him.

Dileep's father Ramesh has told the police that the woman was after the property which was in his son's name. The woman wanted the property to be registered in her son's name. She was also demanding money from Dileep.

The postmortem was conducted at the Nelamangala Government Hospital on Sunday. The Nelamangala Town police have registered a case.

Helpline

If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or need emotional support, someone is always there to listen. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas - 14416 (available 24x7) or iCall, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 02225521111, which is available Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 10 pm.

Light combat choppers to be produced at Tumakuru HAL

BENGALURU: A Prachand Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) structure assembly line and an Automated Storage and Retrieval system (ASRS) were inaugurated at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's new helicopter factory in Tumakuru on Monday. Sanjeev Kumar, secretary (defence production) at the Ministry of Defence, inaugurated both alongside Chairman and Managing Director of HAL, Dr DK Sunil, Joint Secretary (aero) at the Ministry of Defence, Manisha Chandra, and other senior officials were present. The helicopter facility will facilitate the production of Light Utility Helicopters (LUHs) and the Prachand LCH, besides supporting future programmes such as the Indian Multi Role Helicopter (IMRH) and Deck-based Multi Role Helicopter (DBMRH). Kumar also held a meeting with the HAL management and reviewed its ongoing projects. He expressed satisfaction with the progress of the facility and the plans for the production of the helicopters. He also visited HAL's dedicated LUH production facility, LCH equipping hangar and ASRS facility.

HC: Mutt successor is 'legal representative', can get compensation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has ruled that on the death of the mathadhipati in a road accident, the mutt or his successor would be the legal representative, entitling compensation for the "loss of dependency".

A division bench of Justice Suraj Govindaraj and Justice Tyagaraja N Invally passed the order recently, allowing the appeal filed by S B Shivamurthy Shivachary Hiremutt, a priest of the mutt from Yadgir district.

Hiremutt became successor of the mutt following the death of Sutreshwar Shivacharya Swamiji, priest of Bale Honnur Shrimad Rambapur Virsinhasan Mutt, at the age of 55, in an accident on May 20, 2011.

Through this order, the compensation has been enhanced to Rs 5.94 lakh, including Rs 5,54,400 for loss of dependency, from the total compensation of Rs 1.20 lakh awarded by the Motor Vehicle Accident Tribunal.

Hiremutt challenged the order, dated September 1, 2023, passed by the tribunal, declining the compensation under 'loss of dependency' on the ground that the successor of the mutt was not a legal representative to claim it.

"The tribunal, in our considered opinion, has fallen into error by holding that a mathadhipati is an ascetic who severs all connections with his natural family, and that, as such, there can be no dependency," the court said.

The court noted that the mutt represents the estate and interest of the deceased in a legal and functional sense, and it qualifies as a 'legal representative' within the meaning of law. The mutt has suffered institutional and economic loss on account of the death and the denial of compensation by the tribunal is contrary to settled legal principles. The reasoning of the tribunal, therefore, cannot be sustained and is liable to be set aside. The claim for compensation, including under the head of loss of dependency, is maintainable at the instance of the mutt, the court added.

Citing the verdicts of the apex court on the issue in question, the high court stated that the law of compensation, particularly under the Motor Vehicles Act, is a beneficial legislation, intended to provide just and equitable relief. The interpretation of expressions such as 'legal representative' and 'dependency' must, therefore, be liberal and purposive, rather than restrictive, the court opined.

It also mentioned that the death of mathadhipati results not merely in the cessation of an individual life, but in a tangible institutional loss, including loss of spiritual leadership, disruption of administrative continuity, diminution in institutional efficacy, and potential impact on offerings and institutional income. Such loss is neither speculative nor remote, but is a direct consequence of the death and is therefore compensable in law, the court said.

EXPRESS READ

2 RTO inspectors, trucker trapped by Lokayukta

BENGALURU: Lokayukta police trapped two motor vehicle inspectors and a private person for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 300 to allow vehicles through the NICE Road toll plaza. Kiran S P, Dinesh Kumar D K, Motor Vehicle Inspectors at the RTO office in Nelamangala, and Ramesh, a lorry driver were caught by the Lokayukta police. The complainant, Prashant Dattatray Jadhav from Maharashtra, approached the Lokayukta police unable to pay a bribe of Rs 30,000 to allow his vehicle through the NICE Road toll plaza. The accused officials had earlier received Rs 2,000 through Google Pay and Rs 1,000 in cash, and on Monday, Ramesh was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 300. All three accused were arrested and investigation is on. **ENS**

Four conductors suspended for siphoning of funds

BENGALURU: Four conductors of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) have been suspended for siphoning off up to Rs10,000 each in ticketing-related irregularities. BMTC officials clarified that recent reports alleging misuse of funds under the State's Shakti scheme are misleading. A senior official said that the incidents involved conductors on AC Volvo buses, where passengers were not issued tickets though the fares were paid through digital platforms. Since AC buses are not covered under the Shakti scheme, the issue is unrelated to the free travel scheme for women a senior official said. The official also said the irregularities were limited to a few individuals and three of the four cases were investigated upon public complaints and it did not involve any misuse of Shakti tickets. **ENS**

Cancer facility offering cheaper treatments launched

BENGALURU: Arion Radiotherapy & Oncology Centre (ARC Cancer Hospital) recently inaugurated its new cancer facility, offering treatment at costs 20–30% lower than most private hospitals, without compromising on technology or quality. Founder and managing director Dr. Srihari R Shapur said, "This hospital was established to bridge the gaps in cancer care, ensuring that the middle-class population have access to high-quality treatment at affordable costs without delay."ARC said that they have initiated radiotherapy treatments under the Below Poverty Line (BPL) scheme. Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) chief commissioner Maheshwar Rao, among others were part of the inauguration ceremony. **ENS**

Gunasheela's free fertility & wellness camp on April 18

BENGALURU: Gunasheela Fertility Centre is organising a free fertility and women's wellness health check-up camp on April 18 (Saturday) at its Koramangala branch. The initiative aims to assist couples facing reproductive challenges and women dealing with gynecological issues such as endometriosis, fibroids, and menstrual irregularities. The camp will be held under the leadership of Dr. Devika Gunasheela and a team of experts, providing free physical examinations, blood tests, and consultations. It is designed for those dealing with repeated IVF failures, recurrent miscarriages, age-related infertility, and male infertility factors. The session is from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the Gunasheela Centre, 3rd Block, Koramangala. Participants may register in advance by calling 8867685096 or 080-46462600. **ENS**

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Chennai ARM I Branch** of the Canara Bank, will be sold **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 29.04.2026 (Time 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m.)** for recovery of **Rs.48,61,921.27 (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One and Paisa Twenty Seven Only) due as on 28.02.2026** with further interest there on to the Chennai ARM I Branch of Canara Bank from **1. Mr. Santhosh.V**, 1A, Kasi Apartements, Pilliyar Koil Street, Gandhi Nagar, Chennai - 600093. **Also at :** No. 763, SRY Layout, 1st Main Road, Begur, Koppa Road, Bengalore, Karnataka - 560068. **2. Mr. Srinivas Reddy. KV**, 1A/18, Kasi Apartments, Pillaiyar Koil Street, Gandhi Nagar, Saligramam, Chennai - 600093. **Also at:** No 40/1, 3rd Cross, Muneeshwara Layout, Kadlu, Bengaluru, Near Rangoli Factory, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560068.

Description of Property **Property - 1 :** All that piece and parcel of land Flat No F1 **(Carpet area - 740 sq ft),** First Floor **Kasi Flats** D.No.1A, Canara Bank colony measuring **2994 sqft as per document (2859.718 sq.ft as per survey)** bearing Door No 1, Canara Bank colony, Saligaramam, Chennai comprised in Survey Nos. 9/1 and 9/2, New survey Nos. 9/3 and 9/6 as per Patta No. 1590 situated at No.110, Saligramam Village, formerly Egmore Nungambakkam taluk, Presently in Mambalam Taluk, Chennai District and being bounded on the North by : Dhandapalani's land, South by : Uma's land, East by : Govindasami's Land, West by : 10 Feet wide Passage & Land belongs to Pushpa.

Reserve Price: Rs.26,00,000/- | EMD Price : Rs.2,60,000/- | Bid Increase Amount : Rs.50,000/-

Date and Time of e-Auction
29.04.2026 at 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Date and Time of Inspection of Property
23.04.2026 between 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Last Date of Submission of EMD : EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan **on or before 28/04/2026 till 5.00 PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or may contact Canara Bank, **Asset Recovery Management Branch-I,** Chennai **(Ph. No. 044 - 2849 6339 / 2849 6900)** E-mail: cb2361@ canarabank.com during office hours on any working day or Details of Auction Service Provider : **Baanknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046612345 / 6354910172 / 8291220220/ 9892219848 / 8160205051, Email: support.baanknet @psballiance.com/support.baanknet @procure247.com). Portal of E-Auction: https://baanknet.com**

For the properties which are in symbolic possession of the bank, the Auction purchaser has to comply with the following terms and conditions in addition to the standard terms and condition of the sale.
1. The bidder is purchasing the property in Symbolic Possession at his /own risk and responsibility. 2. Bank will not be responsible or duly bound for handling over of physical possession. 3. Successful Auction Purchaser will not be entitled to claim any interest, in any case of return of money. 4. Successful Auction Purchaser has to submit the Declaration cum undertaking confirming the above terms and conditions (1 to 3) immediately after e-Auction. 5. Subsequent to sale if successful bidder fails to submit Declaration cum Undertaking, the bid EMD amount will be forfeited.

Date : 09.04.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Chennai **Canara Bank**

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(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank, Regional office west** of the **Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** on **15.05.2026 at 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM,** for recovery of below mentioned amount.

E-AUCTION DATE: 15.05.2026

Borrower(s): (1) Mr.Narasimhalu D S/o Chinnaswamy, **(2) Mr.Narasimhalu D (Proprietor) M/s Jyothi Engineering, Both Are Residing At:** 75/5, Near Kamsam Church, Laggere, Peenya Post, Bengaluru North, Karnataka-560058.
Total liabilities: Rs.54,96,979.28 (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Nine and Twenty Eight Paise Only) as on 12.04.2026 and interest and other charges thereon from **13.04.2026.**
Reserve Price: Rs.1,07,50,000/-. EMD: Rs.10,75,000/-. Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: **13.05.2026 before 4.00 pm.**
Description of Property: All the piece and parcel of property bearing property bearing Site No.37, Assessment no.74 and 75/5 situated at Laggere village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore north taluk, measuring east to west 30 feet and north to south 40 feet in all 1200 Sqft with boundries as under; East by: Road, West by Site No.38, North by: Road, South by: Site no. 42 .

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank. For further details Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, e-mail id **roblrwrec@canarabank.com, cb3194@canarabank.com (Mob No 9060837573/ 9430484858/7411509379,** OR the service provider **BAANKNET https://baanknet.com/ (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Contact No. 7046612345/6354910172/8291220220/ 9892219848/ 8160205051)** Bangalore, **E-mail: Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com/** support.ebkray@procure247.com may be contacted during office hours on any working day.

Date : 13.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Manjunath T S/o Thammanna is negotiated to PURCHASE THE BELOW MENTIONED SCHEDULE PROPERTY from the Present owner Mrs. KIRAN J S/o late Jayaram, Indiramma W/o Late jayaram, Raju S/o Srinivas, S. J, Nandini D/o Late Jayaram R/a No.58 Kanakapura Main Road Near Water Tank Mukkodlu thattaguppe Bnagalore South Karnataka-560082. If anybody having any claims, right, title, interest or any objections of the proposed sale, may please submit their representations /Objections along with the documentary proof to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, if no response received from anybody, thereafter I shall be at liberty to proceed to obtain the Sale Deed in my Client name OR nominees from the aforesaid owner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising a portion of agricultural land measuring 0-34.08 Acre land bearing Sunkadakatte Survey No. 39/14, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, under somanahalli Grama Panchayat
EAST BY : Sarkari Nala Road
WEST BY : Ashwath land
SOUTH BY: Prasanna Land.
NORTH BY: Umesh T Land

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ADVOCATE
No. 1569, 2nd Floor, East End Main Road, Jayanagara 9th Block, Bengaluru: 560069. 9845054223, 9901871058, 9663503020

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division: Yadgir.
GSTIN:29BLR002252F1DR

No.EE/PWD/Divn/YDG/TS/e-Tender/2026-27/ 86 Dated:10-04-2026

Short Term e-Tender Notification

1) Details of works: On behalf of Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KG-3 Karnataka Public Works Department invited item Rate Tender under KPPP Portal in Two Cover System from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following works Supplying and Installing of Two Tier Cots, Coir Mattresses and Electric Water Heat Pump to the Residential Pre-Metric and Post Metric Hostels Under Social Welfare Department of Seven Districts (PWD/2025-26/IND0195/CALL-3) Under KKRDB Plan for the year 2022-23 work Tender Called **2) Amount Put to Tender:** Rs.4266.38 Lakhs **3) Contractor Eligible Details:** As per KPPP Portal **4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details:** Tender Fee, EMD & Period as per kppp portal, **5) Last Date & Time for Tender Pre-Bid Meeting:** 16.04.2026 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **6) Last Date & Time for Tender queries/Clarification:** 18.04.2026 (Upto 17.30 hrs) **7) Last Date & Time for Reciept of the tender in e-KPPP portal:** 22.04.2026 (Upto 16.00 hrs) **8) Date & Time of Opening of the Tender/Technical Bid:** 23.04.2026 (16.30 hrs Onwards) **9) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid:** 27.04.2026 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **10) For More Details Contact:** Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division: Yadgir. **11) Website Address:** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
NOTE: Any Corrections / Changes will be updated in the kppp Portal only

DIP/YDG/24/KSMC&A/2026-27 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Yadgir.**

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.
Phone: 23562229 / 23460051

Rule 13(4) Appendix IV
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest (SARFAESI) Act., 2002, and In exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within-named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.
The within - named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13 (4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the Said Rules of the below mentioned date.
The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** For the amount, interest & other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower	Descriptions of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**Smt. Aruna D. W/o G. Ramesh** No.38, 4th Cross, Near Ganga Cable, Muneshwara Block, P.G. Halli, Bengaluru-560003. **Guarantors: 1. Sri G. Ramesh, S/o Late Govinda Swamy** No.38, 4th Cross, Near Ganga Cable, Muneshwara Block, P.G. Halli, Bengaluru-560003. **2. Sri N. Mani S/o Late Namah Shivaya Achar** No.477, 13th Cross, Near Rama Temple, Kodanda ramapura, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-03. **3. Sri Kumara Swamy D. S/o Doodaiah** No.709, Near Maheshwari Temple, 2nd Cross, 6th Cross, T-Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Site No.1622 registered in BBMP Khata No.1076/1077/1622, Old CMC Khata No.1077 Carved out of Layout formed by The Ministry of Communications Employees Co-operative Housing Society in land bearing different Survey Nos of Sriramapura, Jakkuru, Sampigehalli, and Venkateshpura Villages, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently Sriramapura MCECHS Layout, Dr. Shivaram Karant Nagara, BBMP Ward No.5, Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West 40'-0" Feet and North to South 30-0" Feets, having a total extent of 1200 square Feet and **Bounded on the: East by**: Road, **West by:** Site No.1631, **North by:** Site No.1623, **South by**: Site No.1621.	**06.02.2026**	**13.04.2026**	**A/c No. 266 & 328 Rs.39,69,080/- + With further interest & other charges from 05.02.2026**
2.	**Sri Dinesh B.P. S/o Late B.S. Puttappa** No.21/1, Manjunatha Condiments Building, Near Sigandoor Medicals, Opp. Post Office, Machohalli Main Road, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560091. **Guarantors: 1. Smt. Bharathi H.G. W/o Dinesh B.P. 2. Kum. Khushi D. Shetty D/o Dinesh B.P.** No.21/1, Manjunatha Condiments Building, Near Sigandoor Medicals, Opp. Post Offfice, Machohalli Main Road, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560091. **3. Sri Ramamurthy K. S/o Kannan** No.50, 1st Main Road, 8th Cross, J.C. Nagara, Kurubarahalli, Bengaluru -560086.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing present Corporation No.8 registered in present e-PID No.4730605038, BBMP Khata No.750, Carved out of Conversion land under order passed by Bengaluru Special Commissioner as per order No.ALN(N)S.R.107/2004-06, dated 10.09.2004 in Survey No.12 of Lingadheeranahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.40, Bengaluru. **Measuring:** East to West 55'-0" Feet and North to South 40'-0" Feet, having a total extent of 2200 square Feet and **Bounded on the: East by**: Others Property, **West by**: Site No.09, **North by**: Road and Site No.07, **South by**: Others Property.	**03.02.2026**	**13.04.2026**	**A/c No. EMI - 302 & 307 Rs.1,31,52,927/- + With further interest & other charges from 02.02.2026**

Date: 14.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru.**

Adichunchanagiri will soon have yet another addition to its spiritual landscape: the Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandir, envisaged as a living spiritual abode. The Dravidian-style temple will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 15. The temple has been constructed at a cost of more than Rs 100 crore and draws artistic inspiration from the Sun Temple

'Love jihad' row triggers plaints, outcry in Dharwad

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@ Dharwad

THE alleged "love jihad" cases in the twin cities of Hubballi and Dharwad have sparked an open war of words between Hindu and Muslim community leaders. Now, both sides have reportedly approached police, seeking action against one another. The dispute also led to the use of abusive language in a bid to validate their standpoints.

Following the incident involving a couple of alleged "love jihad" cases, Hindu activists organised multiple protests across the region. Among them was a protest addressed by Hindu activist Chakravarti Sulibele on April 7 in Dharwad. During the gathering, he criticised the very idea of "love jihad". Reacting to the event, Anjuman leader Ismail Tamatgar lodged a complaint, alleging that the protest was conducted without prior permission and that it was laced with inflammatory hate speech.

A senior leader from the Anjuman institute said they do not support anything that is wrong or detrimental to society. However, he alleged that certain self-styled "activists" are attempting to disturb communal harmony. Such acts, he said, must be restrained. He further insisted that not everyone within a community should be judged alike, adding that genuine scrutiny should be directed only at those who indulge in wrongdoing – rather than branding entire communities.

"During the protest, Chakravarti made remarks about the community and thereby hurt the sentiments of people. In an effort to express his objection to the controversy, the leader has raised his concerns regarding peace and harmony in society. These statements should not be interpreted word for word. One must understand the underlying intention behind the concern," he said.

Meanwhile, a Hindu activist countered the allegations, claiming that they too remain committed to social harmony and have never resorted to anything inappropriate.

He alleged that Ismail Tamatgar, in his eagerness to gain prominence, used vulgar language. The protest, he said, had been organised after obtaining the necessary prior permission from the Hubballi–Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC) and the police department.

"The mindset reflected by the leader indicates an attempt to have them go unchallenged and beyond scrutiny. Those who ask questions are subjected to such vulgar outbursts. In this regard, a case has been registered against Tamatgar," he added.

BEML secures $36.38-million export order from West Asia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

BEML Limited, a PSU company under the Ministry of Defence, secured an export order valued at $36.38 million from the West Asia. The order is for the supply of heavy earthmoving equipment.

The heavy equipment platforms that comprise the order are designed for high-intensity reconstruction and strategic infrastructure development. They feature ergonomically enhanced ROPS/FOPS-certified cabins that allow for improved operator safety in demanding operational environments.

The agreement is also expected to include a maintenance and lifecycle support contract. BEML will ensure end-to-end support, including spares, maintenance, servicing, and lifecycle management.

Orders from the West Asia region reaffirm our strategic vision to emerge as a key player in infrastructure development. We remain committed to delivering technology-driven, reliable, and rugged solutions to meet the evolving requirements of global customers," said chairman and managing director Shantanu Roy.

According to the release, this is part of BEML's larger aim to deepen its engagement in West Asian markets, foster long-term partnerships with system integrators, and deliver integrated equipment and lifecycle support solutions.

The partnership follows the company's first overseas order for metro rolling stock, valued at approximately $60 million, for the African region. The company's international order bookings have reached approximately $106.95 million.

AISEC slams 7.5% fee hike for engg students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

THE Mysuru unit of the All India Save Education Committee (AISEC) has condemned the state government's decision to increase tuition fees by 7.5% for government quota students in private engineering colleges for the academic year 2026–27.

AISEC coordinator Asiya Begum alleged that the government made the decision under pressure from private college managements, without considering the concerns of students and parents. She stated, "Instead of improving the quality of education and ensuring job opportunities, the government opted to increase fees, placing an additional burden on families.

The committee pointed out that even in the previous academic year, fees were increased by 5%, and the private colleges have been permitted to collect additional charges, including university fees and other levies of up to Rs 20,000. This, AISEC said, has significantly increased the 'financial strain' on parents, many of whom are already grappling with rising prices and inflation.

Watermelons rot in fields as W Asia crisis continues

Farmers holding watermelons protest on a field in Gadag district | EXPRESS

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

ENRAGED by the drop in export demand because of the ongoing crisis in the West Asia, farmers in and around Gadag who had cultivated watermelons, have abandoned their produce to rot in their fields.

For years, wholesale buyers from Maharashtra and other neighbouring states routinely purchased watermelons from Gadag district to be exported. This season, however, many buyers simply did not turn up. Those who did offered only a mere Rs 2-3 per kg, instead of Rs 17-18 per kg they used to offer earlier.

Srinivas, Prakash and Sannagouda Patil are among the farmers who abandoned the croup, saying the low prices will not allow them to recover even their investment.

As the news of price crash spread, more farmers in the district abandoned their crops. They have now urged the state government to intervene and extend assistance to recover their losses.

Srinivas Patil, a farmer from Binkadakatti, said, "This is the first time I planted watermelon in my field. I visited several farms around our district and consulted experts. Many of them assured me that I could earn a good income if I grew watermelons. Based on their guidance, I had approached exporters from Mumbai, who promised me an attractive price. However, bulk buyers who came to my farm told me that they cannot export the fruit because of the war situation. With no way to recover my costs, I left the crop to rot in the field."

MANGO ARRIVAL DELAYED TO MAY; PRICES SPIKE IN KOLAR REGION

KOLAR: The arrival of mango in Bengaluru and other parts of the state will begin only in the first week of May. At present, the fruit is coming mainly from Ramanagara and Koppal. This season, it is expected that mango prices may be higher. However, once the fruit reaches the market in full, the exact pricing will become clear. Kolar district Horticulture Deputy Director Kumaraswamy said that in the district, mango is cultivated across 39,000 hectares, particularly in and around Srinivasapura. Of this, nearly half grows Totapuri variety, while the remaining area grows Alphonso (Hapus), Rajgira and Banganapalli, along with several additional types. Assistant Director Rajendra Kumar added that at present, the mangoes from Ramanagara and Koppal are reaching Bengaluru and other parts of the state, while the Kolar crop is expected to arrive only in the first week of May. **ENS**

Rain dampens hopes of grape farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayapura

GRAPE farmers across Vijayapura district are in distress following untimely rainfall that lashed the region about a week ago. The horticulture department has already conducted a preliminary survey to assess the extent of the damage.

According to farmers, those who had kept raisins out for drying in their farms were the worst hit. The heavy winds accompanying the rain broke the drying racks, destroying huge quantities of raisins.

Raisin drying shed destroyed in Vijayapura taluk in the recent rain

District in-charge minister MB Patil had instructed officials to carry out immediate surveys and submit a detailed report. The damage assessment was also presented during a recent meeting on drinking water management in the district.

Farmers, already reeling from earlier monsoon losses, said the fresh damage has worsened the situation. They have appealed to the district administration to release compensation without delay, so that they can prepare for the upcoming season.

Farmer leader Arvind Kulkarni said timely compensation would help farmers recover and begin activities for the next monsoon.

Meanwhile, grape growers have raised objections against insurance companies denying claims on technical grounds.

Responding to the issue, minister Patil reiterated that officials have been directed to ensure immediate compensation to the affected farmers.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch office: ICICI Bank Ltd., BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091
CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Arnab Samajdar/ Banani Samajder/ Arka Samjdar/ Bachurdoba, P.O. and P.S. Jhargram Ward No 6 West Midnapore West Bengal Midnapore- 721507/ LBMDE00006090011	Rivi: Dag No 298, Hal Dag No. 379, Revissional Khatian No. 148, Hal Settlement Khatian No. 1288, J.l. No. 394, Touzi No. 859, Mouza Bachurdoba, P.O. And P.S. Jhargram, Ward No 6, B.L. And L.R.O. Jhargram, District Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. (admeasuring An Area of 6 Decimals North: Rama Sengupta South: Anup Mahato East: 12 Feet Wide Moram Road West: 20 Feet Wide Pitch Road/ Date of symbolic- 08/04/2026	November 26,2025/ Rs. 19,57,789.00/-	Jhargram/ Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: April 14, 2026 Place: Bangalore — Sincerely Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Ltd.

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH

Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division
1st Floor, Zilla Panchayat Buidling, S. Kariyappa Road
Banashankari (Near Banashankari Temple), Bangalore-560070

No.EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-1/01/2026-27 Dated: 10.04.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (through KPPP Portal only) (SINGLE COVER SYSTEM)

Tenders are invited through KPPP Portal by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For **MLA & PMSHRI Grants** Works. The work details can obtained from the KPPP Website The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before **Dated: 27.04.2026 upto 4.00 pm.** Further details can be obtained from web site at **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division
Bangalore Urban Dist.,Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/163/SA/2026-27

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mrs.Nireeksha Preeti Luke D/o Mr.Luke Gundappa Balad** is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri.Hanumanatharayappa S/o Sri. Venkatashamaiah;** Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **Old Sy.No.42/1 and New Sy.No.42/5**, measuring 01 acre Out of total extent of 3.27 acres. Situated at **ALPPANAHALLY village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on :
East by : Lahi 2, Land No 43, West by : Narasapura Border, North by : Lahi 1 hut, South by : Block 2, Lahi 6

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mrs.Sarojini Karning W/o Mr. B G Luke** is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Smt.Malakka & Smt. Narayanamma;** person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item-1 : All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **Old Sy.No.42/1 New Sy.No.42/7**, measuring **15 guntas** in Situated at **ALPPANAHALLY village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on :
East by : Lahi 2, Land No 43, West by : Narasapura Border, North by : Lahi 1,2 hut Narasapura Border, South by : Block 2 Narasapura Border
Item -2 : All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **Old Sy.No.42/1 New Sy.No.42/8,** measuring **15 guntas** Situated at **ALPPANAHALLY village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on :
East by : Lahi 2, Land No 43, West by : Narasapura Border, North by : Lahi 1 hut, South by : Block 2, Lahi 6

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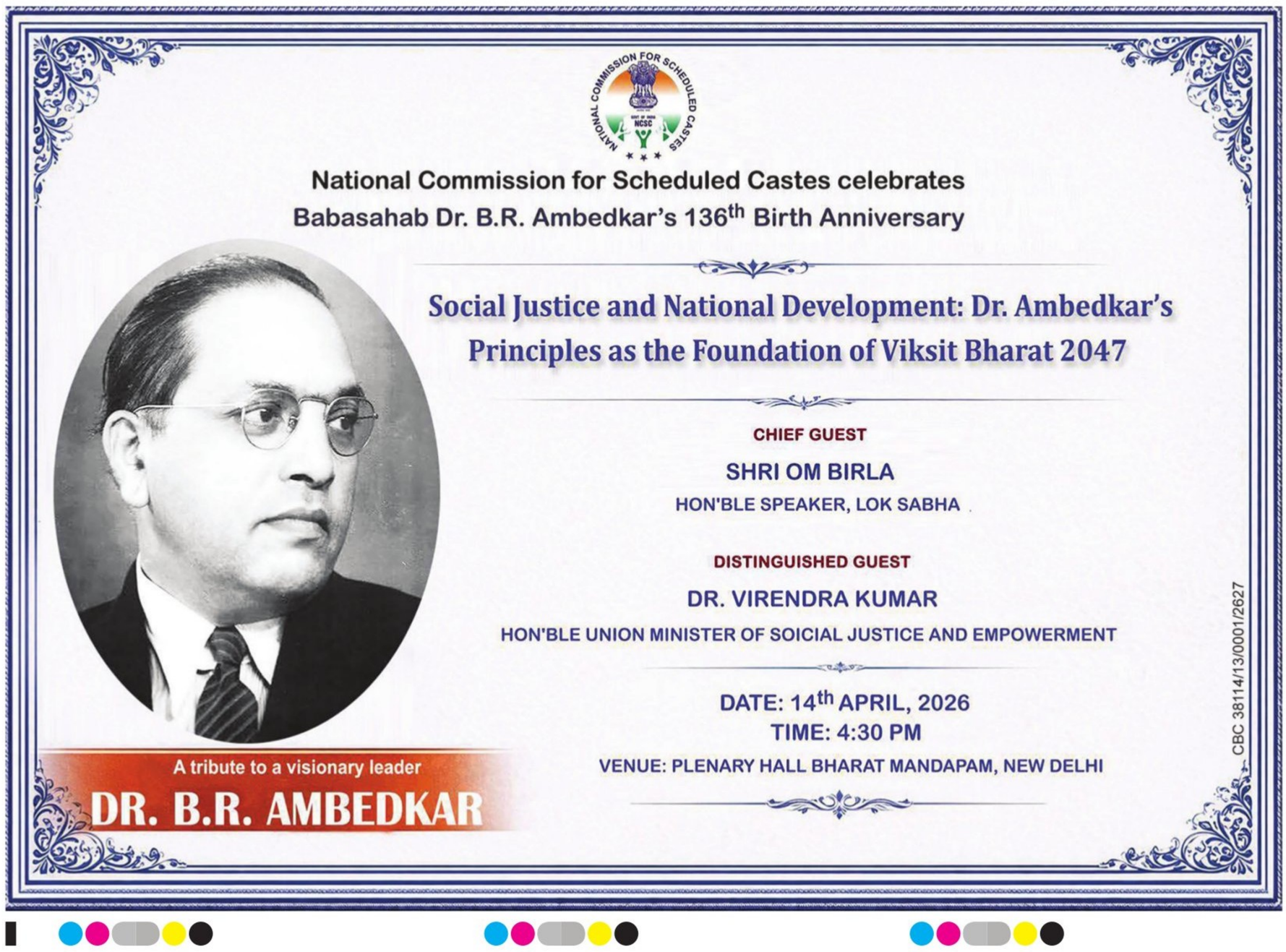
PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **SRI. VINAY KUMAR. M.** son of Sri. Mohan and **M. GUNASHEKAR** son of Marakandan intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule herein below from owner **Mrs. JABEEN TAJ** wife of Ansar Pasha, aged about 41 years, Residing at No. 1/320, 143/A, 143/B, 2nd cross, old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Bengaluru-560026.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing **Site No.5**, formed out of converted land in Sy.No.107/1A, measuring 2-00 Acre, duly converted for Non-Agricultural Residential Purposes by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, vide Conversion Order No. BDS/ALN(S)SR(KT)5/2004-05, dated: 19/05/2004, Situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, the property previously comes under the limits of Kengeri TMC, now the property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 40-0 feet and North to South : 60 feet feet, totally measuring 2400 square feet, and bounded on :-
East by : Site No.4, **West by :** Site No.6, **North by:** Road, **South by :** Site No.12,
Notice is hereby given to all concerned who have any objection/s for purchase of the above referred property by my client or if have any right, title, interest or claim/s over the same or any part thereof to lodge their written objections/claims together with supporting documentary proof to the undersigned within (7) seven days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections or claims are forthcoming within the above said period, my client shall proceed to purchase the aforesaid property and no subsequent claims/s by anybody shall be entertained and all such objections and claims would be deemed to be void and not-binding on my client.

M.V. VENKATESH, Advocate
No.53, 1st Floor, 28th Cross,
Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560 002.
Bengaluru, Date:13/04/2026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Babasahab Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 136th Birth Anniversary
Social Justice and National Development: Dr. Ambedkar's Principles as the Foundation of Viksit Bharat 2047
CHIEF GUEST
SHRI OM BIRLA
HON'BLE SPEAKER, LOK SABHA
DISTINGUISHED GUEST
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR
HON'BLE UNION MINISTER OF SOICIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DATE: 14th APRIL, 2026
TIME: 4:30 PM
VENUE: PLENARY HALL BHARAT MANDAPAM, NEW DELHI
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BANK OF INDIA, Asset Recovery Department
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule-8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 07-01-2026 calling upon the Borrowers **(1) Ramesh V** S/o Venkataramu, **(2) Parvathi C** W/o Ramesh V, **(3) Naveen R** S/o Ramesh V, **All residing at :** 225, Main Road, Near Ganesh Temple, Maruthinagar, Gubbalala, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore-560062, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for **Loan Against Property (896162610000016) of 7,74,161/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Sixty-One with further interest thereon @ 13.10 % p.a. from 07.01.2026 compounded with monthly rests and Home Loan 1 (896175110000014) of Rs. 6,03,041/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Three Thousand Forty-One) with further interest thereon @ 11.45 % p.a. from 07.01.2026 and Home Loan 2 (896175110000018) of Rs. 3,45,561/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One) with further interest thereon @ 11.45 % p.a. from 07.01.2026** compounded with monthly rests and all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank, till repayment by you within a period of 60 days from the date of said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the (Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **09.04.2026.**
The Borrower **(1) Ramesh V S/o Venkataramu, (2) Parvathi C W/o Ramesh V, (3) Naveen R S/o Ramesh V** in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of India for an amount of **Rs. 17,27,750/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty)** with further interest and all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Municipal no. 4/10/216 carved out survey no. 10 of Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now situated at Maruthinagar, in between 4th and 5th main road, BBMP ward no. 184, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 29.00 Feet and North to South: 22.00 Feet, in all measuring 638.00 Square feet, with building thereon, owned by Mr. Ramesh V and Mrs. Parvathi C, Boundaries: East by: House belonging to Sri. Mariyappa, West by: House belonging to Sri Hanumanna, North by: Road, South by: House belonging to Sri Shivaji Rao.

Date : 09.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Bank of India**

Amid complaints by LDF and UDF of 'delay' in updating Kerala's voter turnout figures, the Election Commission of India on Monday revised the state's provisional polling percentage to 79.63 from 78.27

STALIN & FM CLASH OVER PADDY INCENTIVE POLICY

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR
@ Chennai

THE exchange between Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on social media over the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for paddy has brought into focus a communication from the Union government urging states to reconsider additional incentives for paddy cultivation.

After Stalin challenged her to make the communication public, Sitharaman released the letter, maintaining that it called for "constructive, continuous and positive engagement" with stakeholders to ensure food security. She accused Stalin of promoting a false narrative to create a divide between the Centre and the states.

PMK president Anbumani Ramadoss on Monday accused Stalin of making "baseless allegations" that the Union government had compelled Tamil Nadu to withdraw incentives paid along with the procurement price for paddy. His remarks came in response to Stalin's campaign statement alleging that the centre had directed the state not to provide incentives over and above the MSP for paddy and other crops.

An elephant blesses Union Minister Piyush Goyal at the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple on Varuthini Ekadashi in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, on Monday | PTI

The communication noted that bumper production of wheat and paddy has resulted in stocks exceeding the requirements of the Public Distribution System, buffer norms, and contingency needs. It flagged environmental concerns, stating that these crops are relatively water- and input-intensive, and urged states to shift focus towards pulses, oilseeds and millets in line with national priorities of nutritional security, self-sufficiency and sustainable agriculture.

She said the shift would improve nutritional security through access to protein-rich crops and enhance economic stability by reducing the edible oil import bill. Describing the communication as an invitation for shared responsibility, she said most states had responded in the spirit of cooperative federalism.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal, who is in charge of the BJP's Tamil Nadu campaign, said paddy procurement had increased from 10 lakh tonnes under the Congress to 48 lakh tonnes under the BJP-led union government. Campaigning in Pudukkottai, he claimed procurement was "500 times higher" than during the Congress regime. Addressing reporters after a meeting with party functionaries, he reiterated that procurement from Tamil Nadu delta farmers had risen sharply after the BJP came to power at the Centre.

Trustees expel head of Panchamasali gurupeet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davanagere

THE trustees of the Panchamasali Gurupeet near Hanagawadi at Harihar in Davangere expelled Vachanananda Swamy from the gurupeet. This decision was taken in a meeting held at the mutt, which was attended by 13 out of 15 trustees.

Bavi Bettappa, one of the trustees, said, "We had issued him March 24 deadline to take a decision on either selecting the Swaasa Peet or staying in the Harihar Panchamasali Peetha. It was requested that Swamiji should leave the mutt if he chose the Swaasa Peet. However, since he did not give any information about this, decision has been taken to remove him from the position of the head of the mutt," he said. The tahsildar imposed prohibitory orders around the mutt after a campaign by devotees to get the accounts of the mutt published turned out of control. While Vachanananda Swamy and the trustees were inside the mutt, there was a scuffle between the police and the devotees outside.

Alleging that the trustees had misappropriated the donations given to the mutt by the government and devotees, hundreds of devotees including former MLA HS Shivashankar, BJP leader Somanna Bevinamarada and former Mayor Ajay Kumar protested, demanding an auditing. The police arrested and later released the protesters to control the situation after they wanted to enter into the mutt.

The devotees alleged that Vachanananda Swamy was being expelled for asking the trustees to audit the mutt's accounts. "We are here for the devotees, the police are disturbing the devotees. I was not informed about today's meeting. No notice was given before the expulsion. An official notice should have been given. A mutt is not just for 12 people. We have joined the mutt to serve the society," Vachanananda Swamy said.

Trustee Basavaraj Dindur said, "Every trustee assembled, discussed and took the decision. We had made Vachanananda Swamy the Jagadguru of our mutt in 2018. We had asked him to choose between Swasa Gurupeet or Panchamasali Gurupeet at the time of making him the seer. However, he didn't take any decision till date, Hence, it was inevitable for us to remove him from this Gurupeet. We had called him to the meeting, but he did not attend," he said.

WELCOMING NEW YEAR!

Shoppers at a market in Thiruvananthapuram to buy Lord Krishna idols ahead of Vishu on Monday | BP DEEPU

Villages get contaminated drinking water, says Ashoka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

LEADER of Opposition of Karnataka in Assembly, **R Ashoka**, alleged that drinking water in over 5,000 villages in the state is contaminated, raising concerns over public health and safety. He said the state government while focusing on Guarantee Schemes is neglecting people's basic needs.

Ashoka wrote on social media that high levels of fluoride, nitrate and salinity in water could lead to severe health issues, especially among children, pregnant women and the elderly in rural areas. He urged the government to take steps to identify contaminated sources and ensure safe drinking water. He also alleged that Bengaluru is reeling under piles of garbage and the city is stinking due to poor waste management. He pointed out that even areas close to the GBA headquarters are seeing garbage removal only once in 30 days, reflecting the collapse of civic administration.

He accused Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, also Bengaluru Development Minister, of focusing on power struggles instead of governance. He alleged that the GBA has become ineffective and the administration is in disarray. Questioning the government's concern for public health and sanitation, he urged it toprioritise basic civic issues over publicity.

Newly formed ETF executes maiden op in Dakshina Kannada

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A ramp was carved out and a trench was created to guide the animal back toward the nearby forest. The plan was straightforward in concept: provide the tusker with a clear corridor out of danger, while ensuring it did not run amok into the crowd.

Instead of following the prepared trench route, the tusker surged forward abruptly after hours. A Hitachi machine clearing the area could not reverse swiftly enough as the stunned operator froze for a fraction of a second. The elephant swung past the machinery and bolted into the farmland, even edging toward the road. Forest personnel, members of the Elephant Task Force and anti-poaching teams sprang into action, deploying firecrackers and firing warning shots into the air to steer the animal away from people and back towards the forest. The tactic worked. The tusker turned, and finally vanished into the forest, walking nearly 500 metres without any visible injury.

For the rescue team, it was a moment of deep relief. "Once the panic settles, the animal finds its own way. That is what happened here. The elephant chose the same path it had used to come in," Mariappa said.

The operation, which wrapped up around 1 pm, mobilised nearly 100 personnel, including forest staff, police and fire personnel, Elephant Task Force (ETF) members and veterinarians equipped with tranquillisers. It was also the first such operation conducted after the ETF was established in Dakshina Kannada a month earlier.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE,
U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
HAL Airport Road, Bengaluru - 560 017. (Phone: 080 25084184, 4156)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl. No	Description	Details			
1	Name of work	Renovation of Existing Access Control at Gate-7, URSC Main Campus, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017	Civil works for Proposed Exhibition wall at 1st floor, Main Building, URSC Main Campus, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017	Renovation of SIG Conference Hall including Secretary Cabins of MDA and PD, SNP at Main Campus, URSC, Bengaluru-560017	Providing and Installing the Mosquito Mesh at Kendriya Vidyalaya, NAL Campus, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/M/04/2026-27, Dt.10/04/2026	URSC/C&MG/C/M/05/2026-27, Dt.10/04/2026	URSC/C&MG/C/M/06/2026-27, Dt.10/04/2026	URSC/C&MG/C/M/07/2026-27, Dt.10/04/2026
3	Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 23.73 Lakhs	₹ 22.70 Lakhs	₹ 9.14 Lakhs	₹ 6.78 Lakhs
4	Period of completion	Six Months	Six Months	Four Months	Two Months
5	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 47,460/- valid for 180 days	₹ 45,400/- valid for 180 days	₹ 18,280/- valid for 180 days	₹ 13,560/- valid for 180 days

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.

Sd/-
Group Director, C&MG, URSC

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
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O/o The Executive Engineer, CNNL., No.2 VCC Division, Mysuru District - 570020
Ph.0821-2515598 Email: eevccdn2@gmail.com

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

No.03/2026-27, Dated: 13-04-2026

Tender is invited through KPP Portal by the Executive Engineer, No.2 VCC Division, Mysuru on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL Bengaluru from Eligible **Registered with the Labour Welfare Department, ESI & EPF registration under ESI & EPF departments of the Govt.** Contractors for 09 Number of Supplying Manpower works amounting from 12.50 lakhs to 61.00 lakhs to take up these works on KC-3 & KC-4 QCBS(Quality cum Cost Based Selection) Lumpsum Contract basis. The last date for Tender quarries/clarification is **Date:17-04-2026 till 5.0pm.** Last date for online submission of tender with EMD is **Date: 21-04-2026 till 4.30 p.m.** Date of opening of Technical bid is **date: 22-04-2026 at 5.00 p.m.** And Date of opening of Financial bid is date:24-04-2026 at 11.30 a.m. For further details, contact the above said during office hours and through KPP-Portal by logging in **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL., No.2 VCC Division, Mysuru

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client has proposed to purchase the lands described in the Schedule below, situated at Bannikuppe Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, from their lawful owners. Any person or persons claiming any right, title, share, interest, or possession over the Schedule Properties, or having any objection to the proposed purchase, are hereby called upon to lodge their objection/s or claim/s, if any, supported by documentary evidence, with the undersigned within 10 (Ten) days from the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of any such objection or claim within the prescribed time, our client shall proceed with the completion of the sale transaction, assuming that there are no adverse claims over the said properties.

Sl. No.	Owner's Name	Sy. No.	Extent
1	Sri Ashwath Kumar son of Sri Gopal Krishna	26/1	13 Acres 13 Guntas
2	Sri. Venkatachalapathi son of Late Sri. Nanjappa	26/9	1 Acre 35 Guntas
Total			15 Acres 08 Guntas

For: V O J, Advocates & Legal Consultants,
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E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 28.04.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 28.04.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **27.04.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mr. Ravikumar L** , S/o Mr. Lakshmi Narayan S. V. , **(2) Mrs. Sujatha R,** W/o Mr. Ravikumar L , **Both are R/at :** V R Gokulam Apartment, Flat No.322, 3rd Floor, A-Block, Kannurhalli, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru-562114. **Loan A/c Nos.:** **(1) TL No. 9547001600006601** **(2) PSTL A/c No. 9547001800001601**	**Rs.44,91,500.19 [Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred and paise Nineteen Only]** **[(1) Rs. 3,89,747.05 30.03.2025 + (2) Rs. 41,01,753.14 09.04.2025]**	**26.11.2024 & Physical**	All that part and parcel of **Residential Property bearing Flat No.322,** 3rd Floor, Block 'A' in the Apartment namely **"V R Gokulam Apartment"** having SUB with 965 sq.ft., and UDS with 424.6 sq.ft. in the land, together with one covered car parking space situated at old Sy.No.146 and New Sy.No.146/2, of Kannurhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District-562114, **belonging to Mr.Ravikumar L and Mrs.Sujatha R. Boundaries of Property: East by** : Land in Sy.No.147, **West by:** Kannurahalli Road, **North by :** Halla/Road, **South by:** Land in Sy.No.146/1. **Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Open to sky, **West by :** Wide corridor and Flat No.320, **North by:** Open to Sky, **South by:** Flat No.323. **Property Location: 13.06399 N, 77.80337 E**	**Rs. 38,34,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 3,83,400/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Only)**	**10.30 AM to 10.45 AM**	**Rs. 25,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Anandapura A/c No: 9543500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000954**
2	**(1) M/s Akshya Constructions,** A Proprietorship Concern, Represented by its Proprietor, Mr. Prasad Raju K, **addressed at:** No.4, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, MR Garden, KEB Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru–560094, **(2) Mr. Prasad Raju K,** S/o Mr. Gopalaraju Kondur, **(3) Mrs. Kirthi R,** W/o Mr. Prasad Raju K, **No.2 to 3 are R/at :** No.4, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, MR Garden, KEB Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-560094 and **(4) Mr. Damodaran P,** S/o Mr. Ponnuswamy, **R/at:-** No.9, Lakshmidevamma Block, 5th Cross, Ganganagar, Bengaluru-560032. **Loan A/c Nos.:** **M/s Akshya Constructions** **(1) PSOD A/c No. 1137000600017901** **(2) PDPN A/c No. 1137001400019101** **Mr. Prasad Raju K** **(1) TL A/c No. 1137001600052101** **(2) TL A/c No. 1137001600075701**	**Total Rs.1,91,88,848.70 [Rupees One Crore Ninety One Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Eight and Paisa Seventy Only]** **M/s Akshya Constructions [(1) Rs.60,35,481.00 01.07.2024 + (2) Rs. 28,15,874.98 11.06.2024]** **Mr. Prasad Raju K [(1) Rs.26,62,519.77 04.06.2024 + (2) Rs. 76,74,972.95 04.06.2024]**	**02.04.2025 Physical**	**Item No.1:-** All that part and parcel of the **Residential Flat No.1, Ground Floor, "Banashankari Homes"** having **SBA of 1080 sq.ft. and proportionate UDS of 410 sq.ft.,** with one covered car parking, constructed on the site bearing No.4, Khata No.207/A, situated at 2nd Cross, Muniramappa Garden, Geddalahalli, Sanjaynagar, Near KEB Layout, Bengaluru-560094 belonging to **Mr. Prasad Raju K. Boundaries of the entire property/Flat: East By :** Road/Open to Sky, **West By :** Site No.16/Open to Sky, **North By :** Site No.3/Door Entrance, **South By :** Site No.5/Open to Sky. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 13.032169' N, 77.580244' E**	**Rs. 72,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 7,20,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)**	**11.30 AM to 11.45 AM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru - Sanjaynagar A/c No: 1133500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000113**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8)Sub Rule (1) of Rule (9) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.bank.in under the head "Regulatory and others".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **28.04.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **27.04.2026**) from **M/s Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1 Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderbad, Telangana, India, 500016, E-mail : disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 10.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer,
Karnataka Bank Ltd.

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CIN : L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Karnataka Bank Limited,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **13.01.2026** calling upon the borrower/mortgagor/ guarantor– **(1) M/s S S Infra Projects,** Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Narasimha Murthy S/o Mr. Chikkanarasimhaiah **Addressed at:** No.57, Ground Floor, Rachanamadu, Thataguni, Bangalore-560062 **(2) Mr.Narasimha Murthy** S/o Chikkanarasimhaiah, **Addresses at :** No.56 , Rachanamadu, Thataguni Post, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalre-560062 **(3) Mrs. Munirathnamma R C** W/o Mr.Manjunath V **Addresses at :** Yalachaguppe, Tavarekere, Bangalore-562130 **(4) Mr. Chikkanarasimhaiah** S/o Devaiah **Addresses at :** No.49, Kanakapura Main Road Rachanamadu Bangalore-560062 to repay an aggregate amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.25,38,272.00 [Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Two Only] under PSOD A/c No. 9227000600002701 along with future interest from 01.01.2026 Plus costs** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **10th day of April 2026.**

The borrower/ guarantor/mortgagor/legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Bengaluru – J P Nagar 7th Phase Branch** for an aggregate amount of **Rs.26,17,011.22 [Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Seventeen Thousand Eleven and Paise Twenty Two Only] under PSOD A/c No. 9227000600002701 along with future interest from 01.04.2026 Plus costs.**

Your attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

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Date: 10.04.2026

Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

EDITORIAL

"Cultural patterns of oppression are not only interrelated, but are bound together and influenced by the intersectional systems of society" — Kimberlé Crenshaw

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— Ramnath Goenka

FINE BALANCE NEEDED WHILE SACRIFICING SPEED FOR SAFETY IN E-PAYMENTS

THE menace of digital payment frauds—which grew over 40 times over four years to ₹23,000 crore in 2025—has forced the banking regulator to propose drastic steps. The RBI's draft measures, which are open for public consultation till May 8, hinge on four core ideas—delayed high-value transactions, additional authentication for vulnerable sections, better customer control and more due diligence for large credits.

Among the proposals is a mandatory delay of up to an hour for digital transactions above ₹10,000. The idea is to create a cooling-off window during which a transaction can still be cancelled. Another proposal is to cap annual credits at ₹25 lakh for accounts that have not undergone enhanced due diligence. Other suggestions include enabling users to switch off payment mode, set transaction limits and activate a 'kill switch' to instantly disable all digital transactions in case of suspected fraud. To shield vulnerable customers such as senior citizens and the differently-abled, the RBI has floated the idea of requiring additional approval for transactions above ₹50,000 from a nominated 'trusted individual'.

These measures would sacrifice speed for a system that thrives on the ease and instantaneousness of transactions. In principle, measures to enhance safety are much needed. But they come with the risk of disrupting India's high-speed payment ecosystem that has earned global admiration. By the regulator's own admission, introducing a lag for certain transactions may be in "conflict with the core design principle of immediacy of digital payments". However, given the scale of digital arrest cases that have come to light, slowing down high-value transactions may be justified. The regulator has indicated that merchant transactions via UPI, card-based and net banking payments, and cheque-based transactions would be kept out of the scope of delayed processing. Therefore, the economic impact of the move would be minimised. However, if implemented, these changes could add upfront costs for banks and payment gateways. The industry fears that payment infrastructure will have to be re-engineered to support conditional holds, exception handling and safeguards such as trusted-person authentication. These may not be minor adjustments, as they could affect core transaction processing systems optimised for instant payments.

Given the high reputational and monetary costs associated with fraud, there is merit in striking a fine balance between safety and speed in digital transactions. The only question is where line would be drawn.

A SILVER LINING FOR INDIAN BADMINTON

AYUSH Shetty has answered Indian badminton's question, 'Who's our next champion?' The tenacity, verve and skill he displayed in his run to the final of the Badminton Asia Championships in China was thrilling. The last time an Indian men's singles player featured in the final of the continental meet was in 1965, courtesy Dinesh Khanna in Lucknow. This time, Shetty unlocked magic to pull off some epic victories. The calibre of opponents he beat speaks of his immense potential. Shetty ousted world No 7 Li Shi Feng from China before going on to overcome No 4 Jonatan Christie of Indonesia in the quarterfinals and No 1 Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in the semifinals. All of them are battle-hardened players who have featured in many high-stake contests over years. Shetty, on the other hand, was making his first appearance in an event of this magnitude. Though he could not quite match Khanna's gold, it does not diminish the achievement he has pulled off.

It was more than just a silver medal for him and Indian badminton. For a 20-year-old who is still learning the ropes at the elite level, this could be just the beginning. The sport is like an obsession to him and he has been shaping up ever since picking up the racquet as a kid. The shuttler from Karnataka, who stands 6 feet 4 inches tall, also has a height advantage. Even though he had a tough start to the year, his latest showing can give him the lift to produce more headline-grabbing performances in the years to come.

The medal will also act as a balm for the sport in a country with lots of heritage, but little spark in the singles department since the retirement of Saina Nehwal and decline of the senior pros. The juniors have shown some glimpses of talent, but without consistency. It's also timely as India are scheduled to host the World Championships in Delhi later this year. Before that, Shetty and Lakshya Sen, who produced a promising show at the All England Open last month, will be hoping to inspire the team during the Thomas Cup next month. With the Asian Games just around the corner, Shetty and Sen's performances could not have come at a better time for India.

QUICK TAKE

PLANET OF EVOLVING APES

THOUGH recent history may suggest otherwise, internecine war isn't an exclusive preserve of humans. A study published this week in the journal *Science* reports that a "civil war" has been raging in Uganda for years between bands of chimpanzees who were part of a closely-knit group for decades until 2015. Primatologist Aaron Sandel noted the surprisingly human-like tendency of sustained factional violence—a behaviour not noted by earlier primatologists like Jane Goodall. The worry is amplified by the fact that chimpanzees are considered endangered. Once the video of a chimp battle went viral, several observers noted with dark humour that unlike Israel, they didn't harm the reporter. Perhaps shows that we are lacking even the honour shown among apes.

India is looking to restart the stopped transport links and infrastructure projects with its eastern neighbour. Mutual trust and reciprocal benefits can be threads to re-stitch the bilateral ties with

NEW BANGLADESH GOVT HAS A LOT TO UNDO FIRST

PINAK RANJAN CHAKRAVARTY
Former High Commissioner to Bangladesh and Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs

AFTER a pause during the 18-month tenure of the interim government following Sheikh Hasina's ouster, India and Bangladesh has started re-engaging in earnest with the visit of the foreign minister of the newly-elected Bangladesh Nationalist Party government.

India had reached out to Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, signalling that an improvement in bilateral ties was possible after the downslide under the IG. The neighbourhood remains at the core of India's foreign policy and engagement with the regional governments integral to its long-term vision.

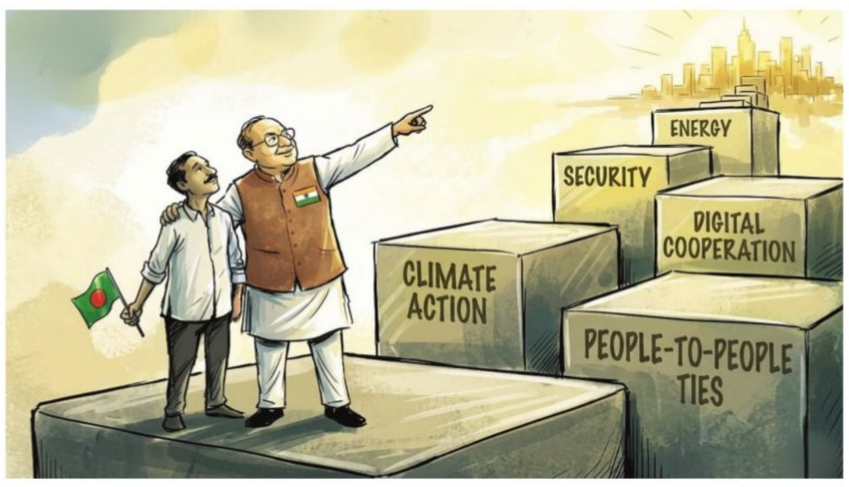
The IG interregnum led by Muhammad Yunus was marked by heightened anti-India rhetoric, breakdown in law and order, widespread atrocities on minorities and vendetta politics in full flow. So there is considerable work ahead to undo the damage done by the IG.

The only positive aspect of the IG rule was the election, though it was universally regarded as flawed since the Awami League was banned. While thousands were ensnared in legal cases, Yunus exploited his power by withdrawing money laundering cases against himself and annulling his outstanding income tax arrears.

To add insult to injury, he rode the vendetta bandwagon by presiding over a weaponised judiciary that convicted and sentenced Hasina and her home minister to death for crimes against humanity. Both now live in exile in India. India ignored requests by the IG for their extradition, since the convictions were political in nature. The bilateral extradition treaty clearly gives the host country the right to refuse in such political cases.

Against this background, the two countries re-engaged at the foreign-ministerial level to stitch together the frayed fabric of bilateral ties. India had conveyed to Rahman a willingness to forget the past. The BNP, too, had reached out to Delhi via track one and two dialogues even before Hasina was ousted. Though Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman became the first top Bangladeshi minister to visit India, he had visited Delhi for talks as the IG's national security advisor.

While India's ministry of external affairs issued a cryptic communiqué after the visit, the bilateral engagement essentially agreed to restart various mechanisms to move towards restoring ties to earlier levels. The domains include trade facilitation, energy supplies, visa services, transport connectivity, border management and river-water sharing, particularly the Ganga Water Sharing Treaty that lapses this December.



MANDAR PARDIKAR

The one-on-one meeting between India's NSA and Bangladesh's foreign minister clearly indicated the emphasis India has attached to security issues. It was no coincidence that a few days before the visit, eight terrorists were arrested in Delhi including a leader who is a member of the Pakistani terrorist organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba. The other seven were from Bangladesh and one of them had been to Bangladesh to recruit nationals there.

It indicated Pakistan's changed strategy—instead of infiltrating terrorists from its own territory it's now seeking to outsource attacks on India to radicalised Indian and Bangladeshi recruits. The earlier visit of Bangladesh's new director general of forces intelligence had flagged these issues. The frequent visits of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence officers to Bangladesh during the IG also hinted at Pakistan's *modus operandi*.

In this context, Bangladesh's parliament passing the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2026 is significant. The BNP government is now armed with a sharper law to act against terrorist organisations. Implementation will, however, be crucial as there is always scope for dragging feet for geopolitical reasons.

It's not surprising that the visiting minister reiterated his country's request to extradite Hasina and the former home minister. It is a *pro forma* request meant for domestic consumption, since India's stand had been clearly conveyed earlier.

It is worth noting that Tarique Rahman was also convicted—as a co-conspirator in the grenade and machine-gun attack on Hasina and other Awami leaders in Dhaka in 2004. Tarique was imprisoned by the caretaker government in 2007, given the choice of quitting politics and sent into exile in the UK, where he stayed for over 17 years. The British government refused to extradite him.

The orders were set aside by the IG under an agreement that allowed Tarique to return and attend the funeral of his mother, former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, and assume chairmanship of the BNP. The agreement was probably guided by the Americans, who exercised considerable influence on Yunus.

The BNP has also pushed through parliament legalisation of the IG's ordinance to ban the Awami League, egregiously labelling the party a 'terrorist organisation'. The banning of the country's largest political party does not augur well for the future of democracy in Bangladesh. Whatever the League's misdeeds, it would be better to allow it to participate in politics. The ban will also weaken the BNP's hand in dealing with a resurgent Jamaat-e-Islami and other Islamist parties that aim to impose strict Sharia rule on Bangladesh.

Two senior retired generals have also been arrested. They were at the forefront of managing the political discourse during the army-backed caretaker government in 2007-08 and are blamed for forcing Tarique into exile. All these actions may be based on a combination of factors—the culture of seeking political vendetta, the public mood and threats by the Jamaat and the student-led National Citizen Party to renew street agitation.

Some other trends may also cast a shadow on bilateral ties. Persecution of minorities remains a recurring problem. The main minority organisation, the Hindu-Bouddha-Christian Oikya Parishad, has again highlighted various incidents in the post-election period. Facilitating the return of illegal migrants from India and cooperation in building a border fence would remove irritants.

Some measures are afoot. With the West Asia war's energy disruption looming, India has stepped up diesel supplies to Bangladesh on the latter's request. Bangladesh, in turn, has decided to buy 200 wide-body railway coaches from India.

India has never hesitated to assist its neighbours in the times of need, keeping people's interest in mind. Hence, India will look forward to restarting the bus and train services, infrastructure projects and border fencing that were abruptly stopped by the IG.

The BNP government's declaration that it would follow a Bangladesh First foreign policy guided by mutual trust, respect and reciprocal benefits is unexceptionable. If followed in practice, India would welcome the approach.

(Views are personal)

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FOR QUOTAS WITHIN THE QUOTA

MANOJ KUMAR JHA
Member of Rajya Sabha and national spokesperson, RJD

THERE is something deeply revealing about the celebration surrounding the proposed implementation of women's reservation from the next general election. It is being hailed, not without reason, as a long overdue corrective to the chronic underrepresentation of women in India's legislatures. But beneath the applause lies a disquieting silence around who these women are likely to be, and more importantly, who they are not.

Let us be clear: women's reservation without quotas within the overall quota would not be an unalloyed expansion of democracy. It would, at best, be a partial measure; at worst, it would be a political sleight of hand that risks reinforcing the very hierarchies it claims to challenge.

The Indian State has never been oblivious to the layered nature of inequality. The constitutional commitment to reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was not born out of charity, but out of an acknowledgment of structural exclusion—centuries of social, economic, educational and political marginalisation that could not be undone by formal equality alone. That logic remains intact today.

Yet, when it comes to gender, there is a curious flattening of difference, as though women constitute a homogeneous category with identical experiences and equal access to opportunity.

This is not merely an oversight but a political choice, because the concept of intersectionality, articulated by Kimberlé Crenshaw, offers a useful lens. It tells us that systems of power, patriarchy, caste, class do not operate in isolation. They intersect, overlap and reinforce one another. A Dalit woman does not experience the world in the same way as an upper-caste woman. An Adivasi woman's political challenges are not reducible to gender alone. To pretend otherwise is to erase lived realities.

In the absence of a quota within quota, the benefits of reservation are likely to accrue disproportionately to women who are already relatively privileged. The structural barriers that prevent women from marginalised communities from entering politics—lack of resources, social capital, party backing and entrenched caste discrimination—do not magically disappear with the announcement of a gender quota. If anything, they become more pronounced in a competitive environment where the stakes are high and the gatekeepers remain the same.

So there is a troubling possibility that the banner of 'women's empowerment' may end up masking a consolidation of elite power. The history of local body reservations offers important lessons. While the introduction of quotas for women in panchayats did increase numerical representation, studies have consistently shown that the benefits often flowed to women from dominant social groups, with marginalised women continuing to face systemic exclusion or acting as proxies for entrenched power structures.

UN WOMEN

Not all women have equal access to opportunities. Representation is about bringing one's social location, experiences and priorities into the political arena. So if the proposed Bill does not proportionally reserve seats for women from SC, ST and OBC communities, it would merely reshuffle existing hierarchies

The presence of a woman in office did not automatically translate into the representation of all women. Representation, after all, is not merely about occupying a seat; it is about bringing one's social location, experiences and priorities into the political arena.

This is why the demand for a quota within quota is not an act of fragmentation. It is an attempt to make the promise of representation more meaningful. By ensuring that seats are proportionally reserved for women from SC, ST and other backward classes, the State would be acknowledging a profound truth: that democracy cannot be deepened by ignoring difference; it must be built through it.

Opponents of this idea often invoke the spectre of making an already intricate system more unwieldy, that it would open the floodgates to endless demands for further segmentation. But complexity is not an excuse for injustice. The Indian Constitution has, time and again, demonstrated an ability to accommodate nuance in the pursuit of equity. The real question is not whether such a system is administratively feasible, but whether there is political will to confront entrenched privilege. It is here that the discomfort becomes palpable.

For a quota within quota challenges the monopoly of dominant groups among women. It forces political parties to rethink their candidate selection processes, to move beyond tokenism and to engage with constituencies that have historically been sidelined. It disrupts the convenient narrative of empowerment that does not demand any real sacrifice from those who already hold influence. In other words, it makes equality costly.

But democracy has never been a cost-free enterprise, as it demands not just the extension of rights but the restructuring of power relations. Women's reservation that sidesteps the question of caste risks becoming a symbolic gesture, one that looks progressive on paper but leaves the deeper architecture of exclusion intact.

This is not an argument against women's reservation. On the contrary, it is an argument for taking it seriously and moves beyond symbolism. To celebrate the proposed Bill without interrogating its design is to settle for a diluted vision of justice. It is to confuse numerical presence with substantive representation and to accept a version of equality that is comfortable, rather than transformative.

A quota within quota is an acknowledgment that representation must be as diverse as the society it seeks to mirror. Anything less would not just be an incomplete reform, but would also be a missed opportunity of historic proportions. Perhaps more damningly, it would be a reminder that even in moments of apparent progress, the shadow of inequality continues to loom large.

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Prolonging war

Ref: *Failed US-Iran talks raise stakes: Inertia risks deeper crisis* (Apr 13). With both sides pushing their own agendas rather than actively negotiating for peace, the talks led to its destined failure. All parties continue to throw challenges at each other. This is disgusting to say the least as the US, Israel and Iran will not be the ones to come out as losers from this war. In what capacity can warring nations hold critical global shipping arteries hostage? Hope both sides are struck by sense and other major world powers can broker a sustainable, resolute peace.
Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

Musical mission

Ref: *Asha, the restless heart within song* (Apr 13). Admirably, Asha Bhosle's life was solely devoted to the cause of music in all its purity, delicacy, tonal quality and skill. "After silence," said Aldous Huxley, "that which come nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music." Asha had exemplified this truth in her musical journey. May the fragrance of her mission endure and inspire generations of artists to come.
Kelath Gopakumar Menon, Thrissur

Shared growth

Ref: *The day that gives* (Apr 13). The happiness in giving and sharing food, clothes or money to the needy cannot be explained in words. All need to grow—be it individuals, the society, the nation—so that they can give the help back. A heart overflowing with love for others is a real Akshaya vessel.
P Prema, Thanjavur

Privileged politicians

Ref: *Modi to address women's meet ahead of Parliament session* (Apr 13). The proposal, so as to ensure that no damage is done to the security of male members, will cause an enormous burden to the exchequer. It's almost certain that politicians of all hues will unanimously support increasing the number of House members and form a highly privileged group.
B S Warrier, Kochi

Fixing blot

Ref: *RR dugout controversy: Medical emergency reason?* (Apr 13). The anti-corruption unit seems to be an outdated and incompetent body to curtail fixing in the IPL. The young prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi must come out clean from the protocol breach probe to prevent his illustrious career from being threatened.
Devadas V, Kannur

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari
Today, I participated in and addressed the closing session of the 'Advanced Agriculture Festival 2026' held at Dussehra Maidan in Raisen.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
I humbly bow to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the nation in the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. This day reminds us of sacrifices made by our ancestors.

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
On the death anniversary of BP Mandal ji, former CM who played a pivotal role in the empowerment of backward classes, we offer a heartfelt tribute.

BJP MP Aparajita Sarangi says all stakeholders must have an open mind ● DMK MP T Sumathy seeks separate deliberation on contentious delimitation

'Implement without delay, OBC quota may invite legal hurdles'

AHEAD of the special three-day sitting of Parliament from April 16 to consider amendments for implementing 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and Assemblies, BJP MP **Aparajita Sarangi** tells **Preetha Nair** that the time has come for greater representation of women in legislatures and that all stakeholders should come together with an open mind in the interest of women. **Excerpts:**

What changes could the implementation of women's quotas in legislatures bring?
As the world's largest democracy, India must ensure equal participation of women, who make up nearly 50% of the population. The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam Act, 2023, marks a turning point after nearly 27 years of efforts since 1996, finally realised under PM Modi's leadership. While women have gained representation at the grassroots through the 73rd and 74th Amendments, their presence in Parliament and state legislatures has remained limited. I feel that the Act's implementation from 2029 will reshape our democracy.

While the Opposition supports women's quotas, it has raised concerns about the lack of consultation with stakeholders. It also says that linking implementation to delimitation makes it a complex issue.
All parties must stand united, beyond politics, in support of women's empowerment. There should be no hesitation in supporting women's rightful representation. In 2023, during discussions in the Lok Sabha, there were detailed debates and every member was allowed to speak. So, it is inaccurate to say there was a lack of consultation or discussion.

Delaying the implementation of this legislation is not justified. Women are clear on two things: first, that PM Modi has played a decisive role in ensuring the passage of this act, and second, that it is time to implement it without further delay. We can't afford to push this beyond 2029, and it is a shared responsibility. This is the collective voice of women, and any reluctance from political parties raises a key question: do they truly support women rising to their rightful place in governance? India's 33% target is both reasonable and necessary. The opposition should back its timely implementation.

With talks focussing on advancing delimitation based on 2011 Census, the opposition says the act could have been implemented earlier if it weren't tied to delimitation. Your comment.
This is a sensitive piece of legislation that must be handled with maturity. Certain processes must be followed. First, a Census must be conducted, and second, delimitation must occur. Without delimitation, it is not possible to determine which constituencies will be reserved for women. As the Census is a massive exercise, if we wait for a fresh Census and then carry out delimitation, it may not be possible to implement the reservation by 2029.

That is why the government seems to be exploring a practical path. One possible approach would be to use the 2011 Census as a basis and proceed with delimitation through an appropriate formula. This will allow clarity on reserved constituencies while avoiding unnecessary delays. The stakeholders must collaborate rather than raising objections.

Verbatim

The Bill faced hurdles in 1996 and 2010 over demands for an OBC quota. Even today, the issue remains unresolved...
The government is fully aware of the needs and aspirations of OBC communities and remains committed to their empowerment. However, introducing OBC reservation at this stage may create legal complications and further delays in implementation. We should avoid adding complexity for two reasons: limited time and the risk of legal challenges.

'We support women's quota, retain 543-seat framework'

THE DMK backs the women's reservation legislation, but objects to the government's hurried push for amendments without consultation, says party MP **T Sumathy**. The Tamil Nadu MP tells **Preetha Nair** that the act can be implemented within the existing 543-seat framework, while the contentious issue of delimitation should be deliberated separately. **Excerpts:**

Parliament is set to implement the quota in time for the 2029 elections. Your view?
Tamil Nadu has a rich legacy of progressive reforms, from Periyar's advocacy for women's rights to Thalaivar Kalaignar's 1989 move granting property rights to women. Today, under M K Stalin, women enjoy 50% quota in local bodies and government jobs. This bill is a natural extension of that commitment to equitable representation.

Why is women's representation in lawmaking important?
Women in positions of power can shape policies grounded in their lived experiences. While Periyar and B R Ambedkar championed women's rights, greater representation ensures their voices are heard in decision-making spaces. With greater representation of women in legislatures, it may become a reality.

The opposition has raised concerns about the bill linking delimitation. Your comments?
Our main concern is that it is being rushed without proper consultation. Delimitation is a separate and complex issue that requires detailed discussion with all the3 stakeholders. The elections in two states—West Bengal and Tamil Nadu—are still pending, and this hurried approach raises concerns about undermining the federal spirit of the Constitution. India is a Union of States, and their voices must be heard and respected. Pushing the bill in this manner appears more like an electoral gimmick than a sincere effort at reform.

Delimitation is a sensitive issue for southern states. Your take.
We have made it clear that women's reservation must not be tied to delimitation. Linking it to a politically contentious and potentially distortive exercise only delays justice. If the intent is genuine, implementation can and must happen within the existing framework. If seats are redistributed based on population, states like TN, which have successfully implemented population control, could lose representation. The bill can be implemented within the existing 543-seat framework.

Delimitation, on the other hand, should be taken up separately after updated census data and wider consultation with all the stakeholders. The DMK has consistently conveyed these concerns and believes the Union government should avoid turning this into a political exercise.

The government has proposed a 50% increase in seats across states, which opposition parties oppose...
The proposal has raised serious concerns, particularly among southern states, as it could place them at a disadvantage. Any such move risks punishing states that have effectively implemented population control measures. There is a lack of clarity.

What about demand for OBC quota within the women's quota? Will DMK press for it?
Yes, unequivocally. The DMK's position is rooted in the Dravidian movement's principles, which hold that representation must reflect social realities rather than erase them. Women from OBC, SC, and ST communities have faced deeper structural exclusion than those from more privileged backgrounds. The women's quota is a step forward, but it cannot be considered complete unless it ensures meaningful representation for women from backward and marginalised communities.

We're on verge of making history: PM

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

JUST days before Parliament's extended three-day special session begins, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a large gathering of women at the Nari Shakti Vandan Sammelan on Monday, saying the country is ready to take one of the most significant decisions of the 21st century, dedicated to women's empowerment.

"India is about to take one of the biggest decisions of the twenty-first century, a decision dedicated to Nari Shakti," he said, adding that Parliament is close to creating a new chapter in history. In an apparent reference to the move to amend the Women's Reservation Act, he described the moment as historic. "Our Parliament is close to creating a new history that will fulfill the visions of the past and the resolutions of the future," he said, drawing loud applause from the audience of women representing diverse fields from across the country.

He stressed the idea of an egalitarian India where social justice is not a slogan but part of governance and decision-making, saying the long wait from assemblies to Parliament is nearing its end.

PM Modi addresses the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Sammelan' in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

He noted growing enthusiasm among women to enter assemblies and the Lok Sabha, saying their ambitions are creating a positive environment, and urged them to stay active, meet their MPs, and share expectations. He recalled women's contributions from the freedom struggle to the Constituent Assembly and said women today hold key positions, from President to Finance Minister, creating their own legacy.

He praised women's leadership in Panchayati Raj institutions and said more than 14 lakh women are working in local bodies, with participation nearing 50% in many states, surprising global observers. "In our country, Panchayati Raj institutions are a remarkable example of women's leadership and now our Parliament is close to creating new history that will realise visions of the past, fulfill resolutions of the future".

Calling the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam a landmark reform, he said women's reservation has long been needed and stressed the amendment should pass through dialogue, cooperation and participation, as seen earlier. He added that empowerment must include economic participation, highlighting schemes promoting ownership of houses in women's names and recognising women as drivers of the vocal for local movement. "Today, from the moment a woman is born until her last breath, our government is dedicated to serving and empowering the women of ur nation," he asserted.

He said studies show women's participation improves governance and cited the Jal Jeevan Mission, noting women's strong role at the Panchayat level and their achievements across sectors, including traditionally male-dominated fields. On financial inclusion, he said many women now have bank accounts under the Jan Dhan Yojana and noted that over 60% of Mudra loans are taken by women starting businesses.

He said the vision of women-led development is changing mindsets, with Indian daughters becoming fighter pilots and the country having one of the highest shares of women pilots in the world.

He urged women to spread the initiative's message to every village through outreach and social media, and said, "Let us resolve that Nari Shakti will have their rights and full participation in decision making for a bright future."

India set to co-produce F414 jet engines, F404 maintenance facility also planned

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

TECHNICAL discussions between GE Aerospace and state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the co-production of the F414 jet engine in India have been concluded, paving the way for the final contract to be signed later this year, sources confirmed.

The agreement is set to mark a first-of-its-kind transfer of advanced military aero-engine technology from the United States to India, enabling domestic manufacturing of a front-line fighter engine.

Cleared in June 2023, the programme entails the transfer of a substantial share of manufacturing technology for the F414 engine, which will power the Tejas Mk-2 fighter.

Sources said the project has now moved into the commercial negotiation phase, with the production line expected to be operational within two years of the contract being signed.

Alongside, GE will also establish a depot-level maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility in India for F404 engines used in the Tejas Mk-1A fleet. The facility will be owned and operated by the Indian Air Force, with GE providing technical inputs, training and specialised equipment. Sources said this will cut turnaround time and reduce reliance on overseas repair pipelines.

'Delay due to Iran conflict and supply disruptions'
GE has attributed delays to the ongoing West Asia conflict involving the US, Israel and Iran, along with broader global supply chain disruptions, including shortages of critical components, vendor constraints and post-pandemic production bottlenecks.

The F414 engine underpins India's next-generation fighter plans. The Tejas Mk-2, designed around the engine, is expected to see an order of at least six squadrons, or around 120 aircraft, translating into a requirement of roughly 130 to 140 engines, including reserves.

Moreover, the engine is also planned for the first tranche of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), projected at around 40 aircraft, taking the combined near-term requirement to about a total of 170 to 180 engines.

Beyond this, India is in advanced discussions with French Safran to co-develop a higher-thrust 110–120 kN class engine for the AMCA's later variants. This engine is intended to replace the F414 in the long term and power the AMCA Mk-2 configuration.

Even as the F414 programme moves forward, delays in the supply of F404 engines have slowed Tejas Mk-1A production. HAL is contracted to deliver 83 Mk-1A fighters under the initial deal, with a follow-on order taking the total to 180 aircraft. However, engine deliveries have lagged, with only six F404 engines delivered so far, leaving multiple aircraft on the production line awaiting engines.

IMD predicts below normal monsoon, rainfall at 92% of long-period average

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted a below-normal southwest monsoon season for 2026 (June to September). This comes as bad news for Indian agriculture, which is already grappling with an energy crisis.

According to the forecast, the monsoon rainfall is likely to be 92% of the long-period average (LPA), with a model error margin of ±5%, marking one of the lowest predictions in recent years. This is the first time in eight years that the Met Office has predicted below-normal rainfall. The deficient rainfall forecast presents a significant setback to India's kharif sowing season, as it is already facing a fertiliser crisis due to the US-Israel war on Iran. The IMD will provide a second forecast for the monsoon in mid-May.

The LPA for seasonal rainfall across the country, based on data from 1971 to 2020, is 870 mm. This year, rainfall is anticipated to be around 800 mm.

27% odds of normal rain
There is a 66% probability of below-normal to deficient rainfall this monsoon, with the likelihood of a deficient monsoon being higher. The probability of normal rainfall stands at 27%. Except for Ladakh, Northeastern states, Telangana, Central Andhra Pradesh, Southern Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and TN, the rest of the country is expected to receive below-normal rainfall.

The low rainfall forecast is primarily attributed to the emergence of strong El Niño conditions. The El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is a natural climate phenomenon where the Central and Eastern Pacific Ocean experiences abnormal warming. El Nino is synonymous with a weaker and uneven monsoon in India.

As per the IMD, since 1951, there have been 16 recorded El Niño years, of which only six contradicted the expectation of a weaker monsoon. Out of these, 10 years recorded deficient or below-normal rainfall.

Additionally, reduced snow cover in the Northern Hemisphere over the last three months has also contributed to the expectation of a weaker monsoon. The probabilities for both below-normal (90-95% of LPA) and deficient rainfall (below 90% of LPA) are higher than normal and other categories. There is a 66% probability of below-normal to deficient rainfall this monsoon.

WEST ASIA WAR

Can have another round of talks if US agrees: Iran

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

IRAN has said it is open to a second round of negotiations with the United States, but only if its conditions are met, signalling a guarded stance amid ongoing tensions after the failed first round of talks in Islamabad.

"If they (the US) accept our conditions, it is predictable that we will have another negotiation," said Dr Mohammad Fathali, Ambassador of Iran to India at a press conference here on Monday. He accused Washington of making "unlawful demands" in previous talks, adding, "We have announced that if they accept our conditions, we are ready for negotiation. And also, we announced that we are ready for war." On the strategically critical Strait of Hormuz, Fathali said Tehran would soon clarify its position

On the opening of the Strait, he said "I think that it depends on the situation. Iran believes and is committed to international law and freedom of navigation. We announced that in the near future, we will provide the mechanism and announce it to all the countries" and asserted that Hormuz falls within Iran's territorial waters.

Highlighting ties with India, Fathali said: "We have good contact with the Indian government... we want to help India." He added that "India and Iran have a common fate in the region."

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Students returned from Iran don't want to go back

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

A majority of the 1,700-odd Indian medical students studying in Iran, who have returned due to the volatile situation, are keen on shifting to other countries to finish their degrees.

Drawing a parallel with Indian medical students from war-torn Ukraine, who opted for course migration, the students have individually shot off mails to India's National Medical Commission (NMC) for its consent and hope the Indian government intervenes on their behalf.

Nearly 200 students from India have still not returned from Iran as they have opted to stay put there due to various reasons. Almost 80% of the students who are back are presently in their home towns in Jammu and Kashmir. Many who spoke to this reporter repeatedly stressed they were anxious about their future and wanted to continue their MBBS degree from any country where peaceful conditions prevail. Rayeed Ahmed Khan, a third-year MBBS student from Arak University of Medical Sciences in Arak, feels he is wasting his time in Srinagar.

Elaborating on a common online student group which has 934 Indian students in Iran, Khan said, "Most of us want to leave Iran and pursue our studies elsewhere. We have been individually mailing the NMC for the same since the last fortnight. I personally would like to relocate to Armenia or Kyrgyzstan to complete my studies."

Dr Mohammed Momin Khan, National Vice President of the All India Medical Students Association (AIMSA), said, "We plan to hold elaborate discussions with these students as well as those still in Iran."

DECEPTION

A 33-year-old man was arrested by Arunachal Pradesh Police from Assam's North Lakhimpur district for allegedly duping people with promises of pharmacy and business licences, officials said.

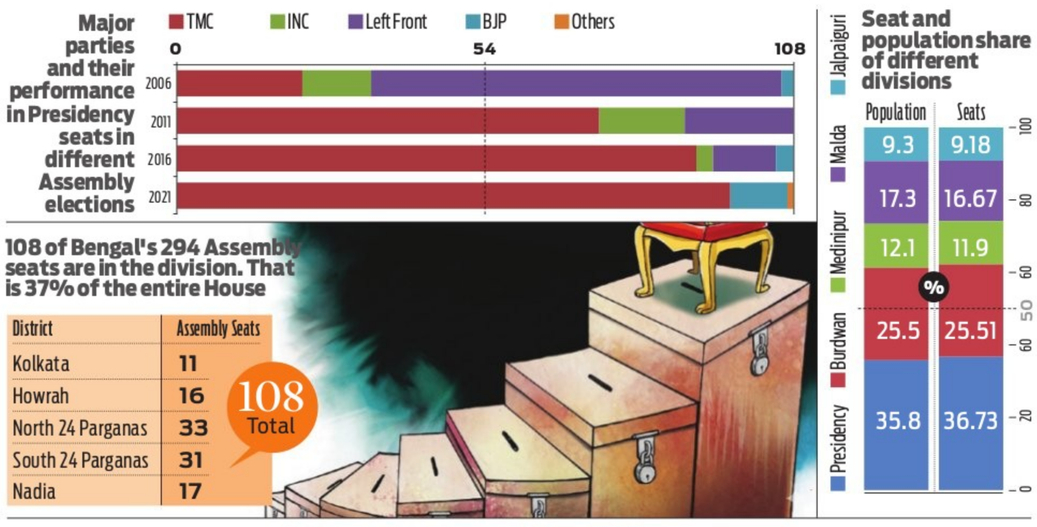
7 KILLED AFTER BEING RUN OVER BY TRUCK IN GUJARAT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	26	Mumbai	33	27
Bhopal	39	24	Panaji	34	26
Jaipur	37	23	Patna	38	25
Amritsar	35	22	Lucknow	37	24
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	28	21
Srinagar	21	07	Chandigarh	36	23

Five districts, 1/3rd of state population give it heft unmatched by other 4 divisions ● Home minister asks people to reply to 'guns' with votes

Presidency division: Red bastion to TMC fortress

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi



Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a rally in Birbhum district on Monday | PTI

WEST Bengal divides into five administrative regions—Presidency, Burdwan, Medinipur, Malda, and Jalpaiguri. Presidency Division, stitching together Kolkata, Howrah, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, and South 24 Parganas, is where Bengal's demographic heft, economic sinews, and political nerves converge with an intensity the other four divisions cannot match.

Presidency Division's structural dominance is immediately legible. Five districts, more than a third of West Bengal's population, over a third of its Assembly seats. Burdwan is the nearest rival—six districts against Presidency's five, but 36 fewer seats and fewer people. Medinipur, despite its geographical size, punches at exactly its demographic weight—13.3% of population and an equal percentage of seats.

The numbers are stark. The five districts of this Presidency division account for 36% of the state's population—the single largest concentration in Bengal. Economically, the gap is even more pronounced: the division generates roughly 45–50% of West Bengal's Gross State Domestic Product, propelled by Kolkata's financial architecture, port logistics, services economy, and the vast informal trade networks threading through the metropolitan fringe. Population and capital, pooled in one place. The electoral arithmetic follows almost inevitably.

Of Bengal's 294 Assembly seats, 108 lie within the Presidency Division. That is 37% of the entire House. North and South 24 Parganas alone account for 64 seats.

POLL WALL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Electoral arithmetic only partially explains the division's outsized authority. Presidency is Bengal's intellectual headquarters—home to its press, universities, policy apparatus, and cultural institutions.

The electoral record across four previous Assembly cycles makes the pattern impossible to dismiss.

At the seat level, the transformation is even more visceral.

In 2006, the CPI(M)-led Left Front held 72 of these 108 seats—a stranglehold built over three decades of organisational penetration into every lane, every locality committee, and every trade union in urban and peri-urban Bengal. It looked impenetrable. It wasn't.

By 2011, the left fortress had crumbled. TMC and Congress together swept 89 seats. The Left was reduced to 19—a collapse so swift it shocked even those who had predicted it. What happened in the Presidency Division that year did not merely reflect the anti-Left wave sweeping the state. It generated the wave, nurtured and amplified it. The year 2016 brought not a correction but a consolidation. TMC climbed to 91 seats. Then came 2021, and the BJP's ambitious Bengal push. The BJP had swept large parts of the northern and western parts of the state. In the Presidency Division, it won 10 seats. TMC won 97. The metropolitan fortress held firm.

The division's demographic texture offers explanations. A dense and politically literate urban core. Substantial minority communities across the two 24 Parganas have consistently voted with bloc-like discipline. High media penetration that rewards parties capable of narrative control. And an electorate with a long memory for local organisational presence—which TMC has cultivated meticulously since 2011.

The road to governing West Bengal has always run through Presidency Division. Every party that has held the state has first secured this belt. Every wave has been decided here.

SYNDICATE PROMOTERS TO BE HANGED UPSIDE DOWN: SHAH

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday intensified his attack on the Trinamool Congress government, warning that "syndicate and cut money" operators would be dealt with strictly if the BJP comes to power.

Addressing rallies in Mayureshwar and Khayrasole in Birbhum district and separately in Raniganj, Paschim Bardhaman, Shah said people would "reply to bombs and bullets with votes" and vowed to "hang the syndicate and cut money promoters upside down to make them straight" after ousting the government of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

He accused the ruling party of corruption, scams, lawlessness, appeasement politics, infiltration for vote bank purposes, atrocities against women and poor governance during its 15-year rule. Alleging sustained attacks on BJP workers, Shah said that after vote counting on May 4, "their torturers will be brought to justice".

"I warn Trinamool Congress goons to stay indoors on April 23, the first phase of polling, or we will pick them up one by one on May 4 and put them behind bars," he said. Birbhum's 11 assembly constituencies will vote in the first phase.

Referring to the BJP's 'Sankalp Patra', Shah said five industrial estates would be built to boost investment. He added that money recovered from alleged scams would be transferred to women and youth. The party has promised a monthly allowance of ₹3,000 for women and unemployed youth, drawing comparisons with the TMC's existing state schemes.

Targetting the CM, Shah accused her of "terrorising" the majority community and said the election aimed to drive out infiltrators. "Didi, we have been living here for centuries. Who are you to intimidate us?" Shah asked, alleging that riots took place in Murshidabad, attacks were perpetrated on Ram Navami processions, and Saraswati Puja was not allowed at some places under Mamata Banerjee's rule.

Alleging inaction by previous governments on terrorism, he contrasted it with the Centre's response to recent attacks.

ED arrests I-PAC boss in coal scam-linked case

In a major development ahead of the West Bengal Assembly polls, the ED on Monday arrested Vinesh Chandel, co-founder and director of political consultancy firm I-PAC, in a money-laundering case linked to an alleged coal scam. He was taken into custody in Delhi under provisions of the PMLA.

AHMEDABAD DIARY

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One candidate, 3 parties, one seat in Gujarat

In a bizarre political twist straight out of a thriller, Bharat Singh Vakhala has turned Gujarat's Dahod district into a spectacle by filing nominations for the same Pipero panchayat seat from three rival camps: BJP, Congress, and AAP. The move has stunned voters and left analysts scrambling for answers, as no precedent exists for such a triple claim. Once an AAP challenger and a frequent party switcher, Vakhala's shifting loyalties now sit at the heart of the drama. With 11 total nominations filed, confusion reigns. The final verdict hinges on April 15, when his official party mandate will decide which political identity survives.

New state BJP chief triggers rebellion

A simmering power struggle has erupted inside the Gujarat BJP, casting a shadow over newly appointed state president Jagdish Vishwakarma. Seen as a rising favourite of Home Minister Amit Shah and PM Narendra Modi, his rapid elevation has triggered unease among seniors. As local body polls unfold, chaos has replaced discipline, tickets cancelled at the last minute, rebels surfacing, resignations mounting, and anger spilling onto social media. Police deployment at party offices signals the intensity of unrest. Behind the scenes, rivals are accused of fuelling dissent, fearing Vishwakarma's rise could position him as a future CM contender.

Party gives candidates to rivals, says BJP MLA

Gujarat's local body poll campaign has taken a dramatic turn, with the BJP battling internal unrest. Efforts to pacify disgruntled workers are underway in Surat and Rajkot, but fresh controversy has intensified the storm. BJP MLA Mahendra Padaliya sparked outrage by claiming his party "gives candidates" to Congress and that AAP nominees withdraw strategically, boasting of 150 uncontested BJP wins. The remarks ignited backlash; Congress leader Lalit Vasoya dismissed him as unstable, while AAP's Dharmika Mathukiya questioned possible collusion, turning the poll battleground into a high-voltage political slugfest.

BJP INTERNAL RIFT

Raje remarks on land acquisition trigger unease in Raj BJP

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

RAJASTHAN BJP is facing fresh political turmoil days before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to inaugurate a major refinery project in the state.

The controversy erupted after former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje made a striking remark during her son Dushyant Singh's 'Jansamvad Yatra'. She said, "People tell me, 'My work hasn't been done; get it done... but brother, I cannot fight anymore. When I couldn't even save what was mine, how can I save anything else?"

The statement triggered intense discussion within party ranks, with many interpreting it as a sign of her dissatisfaction after being sidelined in December 2023, when Bhajan Lal Sharma was appointed chief minister.

Matters escalated when state BJP president Madan Rathore remarked that leaders should remain content, implying that one cannot expect to become chief minister repeatedly.

Urban Development & Self-Governance Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra added that politics is unpredictable, where only a few reach the top.

Raje later clarified her statement, explaining that it referred to land acquisition concerns and to an alleged deliberate misrepresentation. She said, "Certain well-wishers have deployed people to shadow us... picking out lines that can be twisted."

Rathore also claimed his remarks were misconstrued, stating, "One should remain content with whatever God bestows." His planned press conference was cancelled, reportedly after intervention from the party leadership.

Observers believe the party is attempting to contain damage ahead of Modi's visit, while speculation grows about the former CM's political relevance.

PM meet sparks buzz

Raje's recent meeting with the PM has fuelled buzz that she or her son may receive a significant role. Even before her statement, former UP CM Akhilesh Yadav, during his Jaipur visit, remarked that governance might have been better managed had Raje been CM.

BJP to name its first CM in Bihar today

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

SUSPENSE over Bihar's next chief minister is set to end on Tuesday even as deputy chief minister and senior BJP leader Samrat Choudhary has emerged as a frontrunner in the race to the post. A woman leader's name is also doing rounds for the same.

The swearing-in ceremony of the new government of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) under the BJP's first chief minister will be held at Lok Bhavan on April 15, a day after incumbent chief minister Nitish Kumar tenders his resignation from the post.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah are likely to attend the swearing in of the saffron party-led government in the state. Preparations for the function have already started in Lok Bhavan. The BJP has convened its legislature party meeting to elect its leader on Tuesday, thus putting an end to the suspense over the state's next chief minister.

PM Modi, Shah likely to attend swearing-in

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Bihar BJP president Sanjay Saraogi said, "A meeting of the BJP legislature party will be held at 3 pm on Tuesday at the party office to elect its leader, with Union Agriculutre Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan attending as central observer." Prior to this, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will chair the last cabinet meeting and subsequently submit his resignation from the post to the governor, Lt General (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain, at Lok Bhawan. The NDA legislators' meeting will be held at 4 pm in the Bihar Legislative Assembly, in which selection of the legislature party will take place.

It will be the first time that the BJP will have its own chief minister in Bihar. The BJP is the single largest party in the 243-member assembly with 89 MLAs, followed closely by the JD(U) with 85 MLAs.

Chouhan, who has been appointed as the observer, will supervise the election of the leader of the NDA legislature party in a meeting to be held on Tuesday. JD(U) will also hold a legislative party meeting on the same day.

Notably, five parties – BJP, JD(U), LJP(RV), HAM and Upendra Kushwaha's RLM – are part of the NDA government in Bihar. In the new government, Nitish's son, Nishant Kumar, is likely to be inducted as deputy chief minister.

'Rupi' killed in Bastar, Telugu link in Maoist menace in C'garh ends

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

MAOIST commander Rupi, stated to be the last active Telugu Maoist cadre in the entire Bastar region, was killed in an exchange of fire on Monday in the dense forested terrain of Kanker district, about 180 km south of Raipur.

According to a senior police officer, Rupi was an Area Committee Member (ACM), and with her death, the influence of the Telugu leadership—which historically formed the core of the Maoist movement in Chhattisgarh—has effectively ended in the Bastar zone.

Rupi was married to Vijay Reddy, a member of the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC). Reddy's body was recovered following an encounter in the Manpur–Mohla district (Chhattisgarh) in 2025.

"The operation was launched following precise intelligence inputs regarding the presence of Maoists in the Machpalli–Aramjhora–Hidur forest areas, located along the border of Chotebethiya and Partapur police stations. During the search operation, a fierce gunfight broke out between the security forces and the Naxalites in the Machpalli area. Following the gunfight, a thorough search of the site led to the recovery of Rupi's body, along with a pistol, ammunition, and various daily-use Maoist supplies," said Nikhil Rakhecha, Kanker district police chief.

Bastar Inspector General of Police Sundarraj Pattilingam commented on the development, noting that the government has consistently offered opportunities for surrender and rehabilitation.

"While many cadres have chosen the path of peace and rehabilitation in recent months, individuals like Rupi chose the path of violence, which led to this end," the IG said.

With full state honours, farewell to melody queen

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE music world fell silent on Monday as it bid a final adieu to Asha Bhosle, the voice that defined generations, who passed away at 92 following a heart attack and respiratory issues. At Mumbai's Shivaji Maidan, the final rites unfolded with full state honours. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis stood alongside Deputy CMs Eknath Shinde and Sunetra Pawar as the nation bowed its head. The pyre was lit by her son, Anand Bhosale, his eyes brimming. Chants pierced the air—"Asha Tai Amar Rahe!"

From Worli to Dadar, the city moved in unison. Since Sunday, her residence had turned into a sea of grief — endless queues, folded hands, silent tears. Devotees of her music, ordinary and extraordinary, came with flowers, with songs, with stories.

The final farewell saw an outpouring that cut across worlds. Tabu, Asha Parekh, Neena Gupta, Aamir Khan, Vicky Kaushal, Riteish Deshmukh, Rakesh Roshan, singer Sudesh Bhosale, leaders like Supriya Sule, Uddhav Thackeray, Rashmi Thackeray, Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Bhaiyaji Joshi, Ashish Selar, Sushil Kumar Shinde, Praniti Shinde, and many more gathered for the last rites.

Among them stood Sachin Tendulkar—eyes moist, gaze lowered. They shared a deep bond, leaving him with cherished memories to hold on to.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tenders against open tenders are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), S.E.Railway, Chakradharpur for & on behalf of the President of India for the following works. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl. No. & Tender Notice No.; Name of work; Tender value; EMD: (1) CKP-CENTRAL-26-27-01, dated 09.04.2026;** Construction of new administrative block on 2nd floor of new hospital building including parking space in Divisional Railway Hospital, Chakradharpur; ₹ 2,13,86,889.37; ₹ 4,27,800/-. **(2) CKP-CENTRAL-26-27-02, dated 09.04.2026;** Rajkharsawan-Sonua (UP) - TSR (P)-32.560 TKM by TRT under the jurisdiction of Divisional Engineer/ Central/Chakradharpur; ₹ 7,47,87,781.59; ₹ 14,95,800/-. **Cost of Tender Form :** 0.00 for both. **Date of Opening :** 05.05.2026 for sl. no. 1 and 08.05.2026 for sl. no. 2. The tender can be viewed at website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/ bidder can participate on e-tendering. **Note:** e-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. (Authority–Railway Board's letter No. 2020/CE-I/CT/3E/GCC/ Policy dtd. 16.07.2020). **(PR-39)**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building 4th Floor, 'Telephone House Raj bhavan Road, Bangalore-56000

O A No.1021/2021

Between:
The Karur Vysya Bank Limited.,
...Applicant

And :
M/s Shree Sanjeevini Health Solutions & another ...Defendant

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To:
1. M/s Sree Sanjeevini Health Solutions
Rep. by its Sole Proprietor, Mr. Raghu Nandan Shyam, S/o Sri. Surya shyam R/a No. 55/1, East Park Road, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003
2. Mr. Raghu Nandan Shyam
S/o Sri. Surya shyam, R/a No. 55/1, East Park Road, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003

...Defendants

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutoryapplication under Section 19 (1) of Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 27,53,808.93/-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight and Paisa Ninety Three Only) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby require to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the Summons on or before **01.07.2026 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted
Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this date **09.04.2026**

Signature of the Officer
Debt Recovery Tribunal-I
Bangalore.

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ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರ ಮೂಲಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆ 2025–26ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.

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1	ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ 28ರ ಐಟಿಐ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಈಬಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಬೆಣ್ಣೆದೋಸೆ ಹೋಟೆಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ಚಾನೆಲ್‌ವರೆಗು ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ 29ರ ನೆಹರು ನಗರ 3ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್ (ಜಮ್ಮದ್ ಅಂಗಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ), ಗುಳ್ಳಮ್ಮ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದ ರಸ್ತೆ ಡಾಂಬರೀಕರಣ, ಅಬುಬಕರ್ ಮಸೀದಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ 30ರ 60 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಸುಜುಕಿ ಶೋರೂಮ್‌ನಿಂದ ಉಮೇಶ್ ಮನೆವರೆಗೆ ಚರಂಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ 31ರ ಅನಂತರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಮನೆಯಿಂದ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ್ ಮನವರೆಗು ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಸಿಂಗ್ ಮನೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಬಾಕ್ಸ್ ಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮತ್ತು ಎರಡು ಡೆಕ್ ಸ್ಲಾಬ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ದತ್ತಾತ್ರೇಯ ಮನೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಾಕ್ಸ್ ಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ಒಕ್ಕಲಿಗರ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್ ಮುಂಭಾಗ ಬಾಕ್ಸ್ ಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT53161/CALL-3	100.00	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	84750.00

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಬೆಲೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಂತೆ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ–06 ತಿಂಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ)
1. ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.04.2026ರ 17.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
2. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29.04.2026ರ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
3. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.04.2026 ರ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾರಣಾಂತರಗಳಿಂದ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಾದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation

Civil Engineering Division, Tumakur-572101.

No.KST/EE/TK/JE/31/2026-27 Date: 11.04.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION- 01, 02/2026-27

Item wise tenders are being invited for the following works on a two cover system through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal mode from registered KPWD /CPWD/MES class 1 and above Contractors. Interested & eligible contractors are requested submit their tenders to the E Governance centre or http//kppp.karnatka.gov.in can participate the tender which is already published in KPPP Portal Dated 11.04.2026. Any changes /amendments will be published on kpp portal only. No separate notification will be issued in this regard.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender (in Lakhs) (Excluding GST & L/s Provision)	E.M.D (in Rs.)	Last Date & Time for submission of Tender
1	Construction of Bus Station with its sub works at Dharmapura, Hiriyur (Tq), Chitradurga (Dist) (Phase-II)	83.22	1,66,500/-	27-04-2026 Time:16.00 hrs
2	Construction of Crew Rest Room & 02 Nos of Guest Rooms in Third Floor at Sri. D.Devaraj Urs Bus Station, Tumakur.	34.05	68,200/-	27-04-2026 Time:16.00 hrs

More details can be obtained from the Office of The Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Civil Division, Tumakur old Bus Stop, Tumakur. during working hours on all working days.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
KSRTC, CE Division, Tumakuru.

DIPR/CP/174/AKAR/2026-27

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL MRBCC Division No. 5 Ron-582209
Phone No. : 08381-267247 Email id : knnldiv5@gmail.com

No:KNNL/MRBC/PB/Tender /2026-27/ 17 Date : 10.04.2026

BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through K.P.P Portal only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL MRBCC Div No:05 Ron, the under under-signed invites tender on percentage basis from Qualified Contractors. The Tenderers are required to upload in Two cover both Technical bid and Financial bid, Technical bid should contain the documents as mentioned in Detailed Notification and Financial bid of those bidders who have paid the requisite EMD & fulfill the conditions contained in para1.1 will be opened. Table showing the details of work put to tender is as under;

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE WORK PUT TO E-TENDERING

Sl No	Name of Work	Approximate amount put to tender (In Rs.) (Exluding GST)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)	Stipulated period for Completion	Class of Contractors
1)	Earthwork and lining for remodeling of Distributary-56A of Malaprabha Right Bank Canal ch:2.00-4.16 km including structures (KNNL/2025-26/CN/WORK_INDENT4234)	**1,55,57,547.17**	**2,34,000.00**	**6** Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-III & Above
2)	Earthwork and lining for remodeling of Distributary-56B of Malaprabha Right Bank Canal ch:5.00-9.00 km including structures. (KNNL/2025-26/CN/WORK_INDENT4235)	**3,49,56,634.75**	**5,25,000.00**	**9** Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-II & Above
3)	Earthwork and lining for remodeling of Distributary-56C of Malaprabha Right Bank Canal ch:2.00-4.50 km including structures (KNNL/2025-26/CN/WORK_INDENT4236)	**1,66,91,050.61**	**2,51,000.00**	**6** Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-III & Above
4)	Earthwork and lining for remodeling of Distributary-57 of Malaprabha Right Bank Canal ch:14.00-17.00km including structures. (KNNL/2025-26/CN/WORK_INDENT4237)	**3,77,62,482.54**	**5,67,000.00**	**9** Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-II & Above
5)	Earthwork and lining for remodeling of Itagi Distributary of Malaprabha Right Bank Canal ch:4.00-6.00 km including structures. (KNNL/2025-26/CN/WORK_INDENT4238)	**3,52,60,046.33**	**5,29,000.00**	**9** Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-II & Above
6)	Earthwork and lining for remodeling of Itagi Distributary of Malaprabha Right Bank Canal ch:6.00-9.00 km including structures. (KNNL/2025-26/CN/WORK_INDENT4239)	**3,38,84,420.58**	**5,09,000.00**	**9** Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-II & Above
7)	Earthwork and lining for remodeling of Itagi Distributary of Malaprabha Right Bank Canal ch:9.00-12.00 km including structures. (KNNL/2025-26/CN/WORK_INDENT4240)	**3,44,95,800.33**	**5,18,000.00**	**9** Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-II & Above
8)	Earthwork and lining for remodeling of Itagi Distributary of Malaprabha Right Bank Canal ch:12.00-15.00 km including structures. (KNNL/2025-26/CN/WORK_INDENT4241)	**3,07,95,078.23**	**4,62,000.00**	**9** Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-II & Above
9)	Earthwork and lining for remodeling of Itagi Distributary of Malaprabha Right Bank Canal ch:15.00-17.00 km including structures. (KNNL/2025-26/CN/WORK_INDENT4242)	**2,13,96,707.54**	**3,21,000.00**	**6** Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-II & Above

Issue and submission of E-tender documents : (1) The bidders can access and download blank tender document and submit their bids through KPPP PORTAL from **13.04.2026** to **04.05.2026** in the KPPP.karnataka.gov.in website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in (2) The Pre_bid meeting will be held on **18.04.2026** at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL MRBCC Division No.05 Ron The queries if any are to be sent on or before **21.04.2026** till 5.30 PM by the intending bidders through e-mail to the Executive Engineer (the e-mail id for sending queries is knnldiv5@gmail.com) (3) Last Date for Submission of completed e tendering documents is **04.05.2026** up to 4.30 PM. (4) First Electronic Document (Technical BID) will be opened on **05.05.2026** at 05.30 PM. (5) Second Electronic Document (Financial BID) will be opened on **13.05.2026** at 11.00 AM or after approval of technical bid in the Presence of the Bidders who wish to participate in the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL , MRBCC Division No.05 Ron

Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http;//KPPP.Karnataka.gov.in/ lines.seam and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL, MRBCC Division, No-5, Ron

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/18/2026-27

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No.: E-02/2026-2027 Date: 13.04.2026

TENDERS NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No., Tender No. (Due Date), Part No., Description and Quantity. **S.No.:- 01.** 10251234A, 04.05.2026, Development Tender for CONNECTING ROD-BLADE, 16140308, 80 Nos, **02.,** 10251267D, 23.04.2026, Development Tender for Elbow Water Outlet, 16130285, 480 Nos, **03.,** 10251321D, 27.04.2026, Development Tender for KIT GASKET (TURBO CHARGER), 16171615, 30 Nos, **04.,** 10251318C, 04.05.2026, Development Tender for KIT GASKET (POWER PACK INSTALLATION), 16171329, 30 Nos, **05.,** 10251233A, 04.05.2026, Development Tender for CON ROD ASM-FORK, 16030059, 80 Nos, **06.,** 10261016, 07.05.2026, FUEL OIL LINE ASSEMBLY, 16050230, 10994 Nos, **07.,** 07261041, 23.04.26, MOBIL SHC-634 GEAR CASE LUBRICANT FOR WDG4 & WDP4 LOCO BOGIE & WAP-7, PACKED IN 208/210 LTRS. NON RETURNABLE NEW STEEL DRUM M/S. EXXON MOBILE LUBRICANTS: MOBIL SCH-634. OR IOCs. SERVE SYN GEAR 460RR or equivalent, 80010349, 8160 LTR, **08.,** 05255304, 60, 10.04.2026, 21.04.206, **09.,** 04251104, E-30/2025-26, 06, 30.04.2026, 30.05.2026 All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

PRO/BLW/S-02 SMM/G

/banaraslocowork "Website : http://blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
U R RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
HAL Airport Road, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore - 560 017
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
(Phone : 080 25084168, 4175, 4169) (Fax:080 25084155)
'BRIEF CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-I

1. On behalf of President of India, item rate tender is invited for the following work.

Description	Details
Name of work	Providing Heavy Duty Motorised Horizontal Steel Sliding Door to Storage Building adjacent to AITF-2 at ISITE Campus, URSC Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037
E-Tender Notice	URSC/C and MG/ACMD/DOOR/1064/ETN-102M/2025-26 Dt.13.03.2026
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 47.67 Lakhs
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	Extended upto 17:00 Hrs. on 24.04.2026
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 95,340/- (Validity for 180 days)**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/-
Group Director (Construction & Maintenance Group)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE, U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
HAL Airport Road, Bengaluru - 560 017. (Phone: 080 25084184, 4156)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl. No	Description	Details		
1	Name of work	Civil Works for Modification of INSAT Building Entrance, Main Campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017	Providing and Fixing of Acrylic/ Foam Boards for Various Locations at Main Campus, URSC and ISITE Campus, Marathahalli, Bengaluru	Civil Renovation Works for Accounts Conference Hall at Main Campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/M/01/2026-27, Dt.06/04/2026	URSC/C&MG/C/M/02/2026-27, Dt.06/04/2026	URSC/C&MG/C/M/03/2026-27, Dt.06/04/2026
3	Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 23.85 Lakhs	₹ 9.39 Lakhs	₹ 5.75 Lakhs
4	Period of completion	Six Months	Twelve Months	Six Months
5	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 47,700/- valid for 180 days**	**₹ 18,780/- valid for 180 days**	**₹ 11,500/- valid for 180 days**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/-
Group Director, C&MG, URSC

THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph- 080-23342713/ 23342323, E- Mail : mcb_mall@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcbl.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Bengaluru,** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **29.04.2026** "as is where is and as is what is basis" for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

(1) Mr. Krishna D L S/o Late Lakshmansa D S, No.20, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.	**(4) Late Venkatesh D L** S/o late Lakshmansa D S Since deceased Represented by his legal heirs (a) Mrs. Pramila D V W/o Late Venkatesh D L, (b) Mr. Vinod Kumar D V S/o Late Venkatesh D L, (c) Mr. Raghavendra D V S/o Late Venkatesh D L, (d) Mr. Krishna D L S/o Late Lakshmansa D S, All are residing at : No.20, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.
(2) Mrs. Anuradha D K W/o Krishna D L, No.20, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.	
(3) Mr. Janardhan D K S/o Krishna D L, No.20, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.	

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through web site **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com** on **29.04.2026** for Recovery of an amount for **A/c No. 08001/3370, Rs.2,35,83,875/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Five Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Five Only) as on 31.03.2026** with further interest and cost till the date of payment.

Schedule of the property : All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Residential Unit No.4B, situated on the 4th Floor, measuring 1208 sq. ft. of Super built up area along with undivided share of land measuring 240 sq. ft.out of 1200 sq. ft. in the Schedule 'A' Property i.e constructed in converted land bearing Municipal No.20 and PID No. 27/11/20, situated at 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore. measuring 3000 sq. ft. Bangalore including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto and Bounded By: East: Private Property of Garudachar, West: Private Property of Ramaiah, North: Private Property of Advocate Subba Rao, South: 5th Cross Road.	
Reserve Price	**Rs.1,55,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Five Lakhs Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs.15,50,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**
Bid increment Amount	**Rs. 25,000/- or in such multiples**
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**28.04.2026 before 5.00 PM**
Date and time of opening of online offers	**e–auction Portal: www.bankeauctionwizard.com 26.04.2026 from 10.00 am - 11.00 am with auto time extension of 5 minutes each with unlimited extension**

2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

(1) Late Venkatesh D L S/o late Lakshmansa D S **Since deceased Represented by his legal heirs (a) Mrs. Pramila D V** W/o Late Venkatesh D L, No.20, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009. **(b) Mr. Vinod Kumar D V** S/o Late Venkatesh D L, No.20, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009. **(c) Mr. Raghavendra D V** S/o Late Venkatesh D L, No.20, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009. **(d) Mr. Krishna D L** S/o Late Lakshmansa D S, No.20, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through web site **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com** on **29.04.2026** for Recovery of an amount for **A/c No. 08001/3373, Rs.2,27,43,726/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Seven Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Six Only) as on 31.03.2026** with further interest and cost till the date of payment.

Schedule of the property : All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Residential Flat Unit No.5, situated on the 5th Floor, measuring 1533.75 sq. ft. of Super built up area along with undivided share of land measuring 240 sq. ft. Out of 1200 sq. ft. in the in the aforementioned property constructed in Converted land bearing Municipal No.20 and PID No. 27/11/20, situated at 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore. measuring 3000 sq. ft. Bangalore including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto and Bounded By: East: Private Property of Garudachar, West: Private Property of Ramaiah, North: Private Property of Advocate Subba Rao, South: 5th Cross Road.	
Reserve Price	**Rs.1,13,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs.11,30,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only)**
Bid increment Amount	**Rs. 25,000 /- or in such multiples**
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**28.04.2026 before 5.00 PM**
Date and time of opening of online offers	**e–auction Portal: www.bankeauctionwizard.com 29.04.2026 from 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm with auto time extension of 5 minutes each with unlimited extension**
E-auction Service Provider Details & web site	**M/s ANTARES SYSTEMS LIMITED Address: # 24, Sudha Complex, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore -560079, Contact Person: Sushmitha B, Helpline No's: 8951944383 Land Line: 080-40482000, Mail Id: sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com**

This Publication is also 15 days notice stipulated under rule 8(6) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors.

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -

1. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website of the Service **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com.** M/s. Antares Systems Limited, Bangalore is the Service Provider to arrange e-auction platform.
2. The bidders should deposit 10% of Reserve Price before participating in e-auction. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice and internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Bank/Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure etc. The EMD of unsuccessful bidders will not carry any interest.
3. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider **M/s Antares Systems Limited** Address: #24, Sudha Complex, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveswaranagar, Bangalore- 560 079, **Contact Person: Sushmitha, Helpline No's: 8951944383, Land Line: 080-40482000, Mail Id: sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com**
4. For participating in e-auction sale the intending bidder should register their details with the Service Provider M/s. Antares Systems Limited, Bangalore, through the Bank well in advance and get the User ID and password. Only the password may be changed on receiving it. Bidders are required to hold digital signature certificate for participating in the E-Auction at their own cost. The bidder should attach a copy of PAN Card for identity proof and a proof of residence such as Aadhar, Passport, Election I D, Driving License, etc.,
5. The property **"SHALL NOT"** be sold below the Reserve Price.
6. The property is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and subject to conditions prescribed in the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002
7. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day /with in 24 hours of the sale, being knocked down in his favor and balance 75% of bid amount within 30 days from the sale date through **RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer** to the credit of A/C No.001490030000009 **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** Bangalore and IFSC Code of the bank is "HDFC (SIXTH LETTER IS ZERO) 0CMCOBL" After receiving full bid amount Sale Certificate will be issued in favour of successful bidder only. No Nomination facility shall be made available for the purpose of sale certificate.
8. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder/auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale.
9. The successful bidder shall bear the charges payable for conveyance, Registration fee, stamp duty etc., as applicable in related laws.
10. It is not within the knowledge of the bank about any taxes, revenue / dues to any local authority and any / all such taxes, revenue / gives any local authority if any as applicable shall be born by the successful bidder only.
11. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user ID given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him only.
12. Prospective bidders are advised to peruse the copies of Title deeds with the Bank and verify the latest Encumbrance Certificate and other Revenue/Municipal records to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves on the Title and Encumbrances, if any over the property.
13. The immovable property described herein above shall remain and be at the sole risk of the successful bidder in all respects including loss or damage by fire or theft or other accidents, and other risk from the date of the confirmation of sale by the undersigned Authorized Officer. The successful bidder shall not be entitled to annul the sale on any ground of whatsoever nature.
14. All bidders shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of sale and be bound by them.
15. The Authorized Officer may postpone/cancel the e- Auction without assigning any reason thereof. Sale is subject to confirmation by the secured creditor who may reject even the highest bid without assigning any reason. Such a decision of the secured creditor shall be final and no claim, whatsoever can be made against or with respect to such a decision. In case , the highest bid is rejected, the Authorized Officer can negotiate with any of the remaining bidders or any other person(s) for sale of the property by private treaty at a price higher than the highest bid.
16. In case the e-Auction scheduled is postponed to a date before **15 days** from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the Service Provider.
17. "The auction purchaser shall be solely responsible for obtaining the E-Katha in respect of the auctioned property. The Bank shall extend necessary assistance only by providing such documents as are available in its possession. However, the Bank shall not be held responsible for procuring, issuing, or ensuring the availability of the E-Katha, and the auction purchaser shall not raise any claim against the Bank in this regard. Further, non-availability or delay in issuance of the E-Katha shall not, under any circumstances, be a ground for the auction purchaser to withhold, defer, or avoid payment of the entire sale consideration."

Note: The intending bidders may contact The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Branch H.O: #102, 7th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property on the date fixed by the Bank (Contact No.9483281329) E-Mail: mcb_mall@yahoo.com

Date: 13.04.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

POPE PUSHES BACK ON TRUMP, DEFENDS GOSPEL MESSAGE

ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE

US-born Pope Leo XIV pushed back Monday on President Donald Trump's broadside against him over the US-Israel war in Iran, telling reporters that the Vatican's appeals for peace and reconciliation are rooted in the Gospel, and that he doesn't fear the Trump administration.

"To put my message on the same plane as what the president has attempted to do here, I think is not understanding what the message of the Gospel is," Leo told *The Associated Press* aboard the papal plane en route to Algeria. "And I'm sorry to hear that but I will continue on what I believe is the mission of the church in the world today."

History's first US-born pope stressed that he was not making a direct attack against Trump or anyone else with his general appeal for peace and criticisms of the "delusion of omnipotence" that is fueling the Iran war and other conflicts around the world. "I will not enter into debate. The things that I say are certainly not meant as attacks on anyone.

The message of the Gospel is very clear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers,'" Leo said. Speaking to other reporters, he added: "I'm not afraid of the Trump administration or of speaking out loudly about the message of the Gospel, which is what the Church works for."

Trump delivered an extraordinary broadside against Leo on Sunday night, saying he didn't think the global leader of the Catholic Church is "doing a very good job" and that "he's a very liberal person," while also suggesting the pontiff should "stop catering to the Radical Left."

Flying back to Washington from Florida, Trump used a lengthy social media post to sharply criticise Leo, then kept it up after deplaning, in comments on the tarmac to reporters. "I'm not a fan of Pope Leo," he said. "Pope Leo is weak on crime, and terrible for foreign policy," the president wrote in his post, adding, "I don't want a Pope who thinks it's ok for Iran to have a nuclear weapon."

Pope Leo XIV aboard his flight bound for Algiers' Houari Boumediene International Airport on Monday | AP

Trump shares saint-like image

Later, Trump posted a picture suggesting he had saint-like powers akin to those of Jesus Christ. Wearing a biblical-style robe, Trump is seen laying hands on a bedridden man as light emanates from his fingers, while a soldier, a nurse, a praying woman and a bearded man in a baseball cap all look on admiringly. The sky above is filled with eagles, an American flag and vaporous images. AP

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
B.S.N.L Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

O.A.No.2556/2024

Between:
The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd ...Applicant
And:
Shiva Shankar B S and Another Defendants

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

1. Shiva Shankar B S S/o Somashekar B Aged about 30 years R/a No.121/2, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Nrupathunganagar, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560076.
2. Mr. Syed Gulub Shah S/o Gul Syed Muslim, R/a No.1867, 11th Main, 38th A Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560041. ...Defendants

WHEREAS, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under Section 19 (1) of Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for the Recovery of a sum of **Rs.38,50,817.30/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen and Paise Three Zero Only)** with current and future interest, cost and other relief. You are hereby require to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **08.05.2026** at **10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader / advocate duly instructed as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal on this Tribunal on this date **30.03.2026**

Signature of the Officer
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru.

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

I, Ravikumar, residing at House No. D-306, Kodipalya, Ramanju Enclave, Bengaluru, hereby inform that the Partition Deed dated 15.10.1976, pertaining to Old Survey No. 36 and New Survey No. 41/1 of Kembaligannahalli Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, has been lost. If anyone finds the said document, kindly contact the undersigned at Mobile No. 7349013335.
A police complaint regarding the loss has been registered (Complaint No.: **2151679/2026**).

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to your kind notice, that Our client **Mrs. CHAYA S,** aged about 36 years, W/o Sri. Nagendra N, R/at No.27, Aksharaa Nivas, 2nd cross, S T Anthony School Road, Ramamurthynagara, Doorvaninagara, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560043, has lost of original Registered Sale deed dated 15/12/1969, registered as document No.4105/1969-70, Book-I, registered before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South. in respect of Property bearing Site No.27, Old Property No.69, New Property No.75, Situated Bhovi Colony, Kowdenahalli Dhakale, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring East to West: 24 Feet, and North to South: 40 Feet, totally measuring 960 sq feet, In view of the same we intend to have public notice published in your Indian Express, English Daily, Bangalore Edition calling for objection if any at the earliest, if any Persons/Financial Institutions/Firms having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 07 days from this date of publication to the undersigned.

VAKIL LEGAL CHAMBERS
Advocates & Consultants, Office @: No 54, 2nd Floor, C Leela Prakash Nilaya, 2nd Main Road, Old Madras Road, Benniganahalli, Bangalore-560016.
Mob: 9738127223 / 9739894247.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the Kind Notice of the General Public that, **My Client KUM.SAHANA.S @ SAHANA SHIVAPPA**, Aged about 33 years, has lost/misplaced the Original **Intimation of Allotment letter dated 08.03.2012, NOC dated 08.03.2012, Possession Certificate dated 21.05.2013**, issued by the KHB, Bangalore., pertaining to the schedule property, and further state that My client has not availed a loan or created any encumbrance/charge over the schedule property, in any banks, financial institutions. etc. And Further state that My client **KUM.SAHANA.S @ SAHANA SHIVAPPA** is Selling the schedule property and if anybody having objections or claim over the said property or the original documents they can lodge their claim and objection with relevant documents with the undersigned within **Seven (7) days** from the date of this notice, failing which the claims of all such persons shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned., and in pursuance to that the said My Client **KUM.SAHANA.S @ SAHANA SHIVAPPA** can sell the schedule property to the proposed Purchaser/s. Further, If any person/s finds the above Original **Intimation of Allotment letter dated 08.03.2012, NOC dated 08.03.2012, Possession Certificate dated 21.05.2013,** may be delivered to the below mentioned address.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the immovable Residential property bearing Site No.69, HIG-I, Developed by the Karnataka Housing Board, under 100 Housing Projects Scheme, Situated at Bandemutt Comprising of lands acquired by the Karnataka Housing Board, in various survey numbers of Kengeri Village of Bangalore Urban District, Presently coming under the limits of BBMP, assigning the Ward No.159, Ward Name Kengeri, having BBMP, Property No.69/69/HIG-I, E-PID No.6344649250, **Measuring East to West : 18.00 Meters, and North to South : 12.00 Meters, in all measuring 216.00 Sq.Mtrs.,** and Bounded on : **East by:** Site No.157 MIG & 158 MIG, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.68 HIG-I, **South by :** Site No.70 HIG-I.

K. MANJUNATHA LAW ASSOCIATES
ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS
Office at No. 393, & No.40/5, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010
Mob: 9886199381. Date : 13.04.2026

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- I AT BANGALORE, BSNL BUILDING 4TH FLOOR, RAJABHAVANA ROAD, BANGALORE
O.A. NO. 709/2021

Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited
Having its branch office at:
No. 4/10, Mytree Center
Hosur Road, Bommanahalli
Bangalore-560 068. ...Applicant
And:
1. Mr. Kishore Rajendran
S/o. Mr. Rajendran Kuppan
Aged Major,
No. 108, BEL Colony, Jalahalli, Bengaluru-560013.
2. Mrs. Dhanalakshmi P
W/o. Mr. Kishore Rajendran
Aged Major No. 108, BEL Colony, Jalahalli, Bengaluru-560013.
3. M/s. Value Designbuild Pvt Ltd
Represented by It's POA Holder
Having office at,
No. 301,302, 3rd Floor,
VDB Sentai, R. Narayanapura Main Road, Whitefield,
Bengaluru-560066 ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDENT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHERE AS: The applicant has instituted an application in the section 19 of recovery of debts due to banks and financial institution act 1993 against the You for recovery of a sum of Rs. 1,26,72,667.30/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty-Six Lakhs Seventy-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven and paisa Thirty Only) together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above mentioned defendant is required to appear therefore here by direct to appear before the tribunal in person is through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 03/07/2026 at 10:30 am as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in cause default the application will be heard and determine in your absence.
Give under my hand & the seal of the tribunal on this 17th Day of March, 2026

The Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mrs. ASHA. V. W/o. Mr. Raghavendra, And Mr. ANIL KUMAR. B, S/o Mr. Bhaskar S,** Both are Residing at : No. 9, 16th Cross, Near SBM Bank, Muneshwaranagar, Ullal Main Road, Bangalore – 560056, they are intending to purchase the Site bearing No. 3374, 'H' Sector, in 6th Block, vide PID No. 6000052732, in the layout known as 'Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout', formed in Sy. No. 97, Situated at: Bheemanakuppe Village, the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority. Measuring: East to West: 6.00 Meters, North to South: 9.00 Meters, Totally Measuring: 54.00 Sq. Meters. Bounded on: East by: Site No. 3373, West by: Site No. 3375, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 3357. From its Owner Mr. Gnanesh Nagendrappa Asagodu, S/o. Late. Nagendrappa. A. N. Any person having any objections or claiming any right, title or interest in the said property are required to lodge the same with the undersigned along with documentary evidence within 15 days from this date filing which my clients shall proceed with the transactions of the said property free from all encumbrances.

N. SOMASHEKHAR & R. S. PRIYA
M/s. Sri Sai Law Associates, Advocates No. 1, 'Sri Sai Skanda', 2nd Floor, 11th Cross, Ullal Main Road, Behind Mangaluru P.U. Collage, Jnanajyothi Nagar, Bangalore-560056. Mobile: 9448236908
Email: sailawassociates997@gmail.com
Date: 14.04.2025 Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Smt. Lalithamma. J.** W/o Sri T.V. Sureshkumar is the absolute owner of the property more fully described in the Schedule having acquired it under a Sale Deed dated 23/04/2021 registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Banashankari as No. BSK-1-01007-2021-22 and stored in CD No. BSKD 1047.
It is informed by my client, that the Original Sale Deed dated 18/12/2018 executed by M/s. Fortitude Constructions, in favour of Smt. N. Savithri, registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Banashankari as No. BSK-1-12366-2018-19 and stored in CD No. BSKD 464 is irretrievably lost. Further, Smt. Lalithamma J., has lodged a police complaint on 07/04/2026 and obtained E-Lost Report regarding the loss of documents. Further, Smt. Lalithamma J has obtained a certified copy of the same.
If anyone finds the above document, or if anyone is having this document in their custody, the same may be handed over to the undersigned within Fifteen days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within Fifteen days from today, along with relevant claim documents, in writing, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE

Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.303 (3 BHK), in Third Floor, North Facing, Property No. 40/29, EPID No. 6696860842 measuring 1280 square feet of Super Built up Area in the Building known as 'FORTITUDE'S VERONA' along with one Car parking in the Stilt/Basement, along with 265 square feet of UDS, constructed on New Municipal No. 40 (Old No. 37/3(11-1/203), 1st Main Road, Gowdana Palya, Subramanyapura Main Road, Bangalore and bounded on the:
East by : Flat No.304 and Lift
West by : Common Passage
North by : Common Passage
South by : Property belongs to Muniyappa and Krishnappa.

J.N. ALASINGAR, Advocate
193, 5th Main Road, 3rd Phase, J.P. Nagar Bangalore-560 078. Mob: 9900095158
Dated: 14/04/2026

ಪುರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಾಣಾವರ

ಸಂತೆಬೀದಿ ವೃತ್ತ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಾಣಾವಾರ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಾಣಾವರ ಅಂಚೆ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560090.
ದೂ: 080–28395098, Email: ka.chikkabanavara.tmc@gmail.com,
Website: https://chikkabanavaratown.mrc.gov.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಪು.ಕಾ.ಚಿ/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಟೆಂಡರ್.ಪ್ರ/01/2026–27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.04.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ **ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ. ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಉಳಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ಪುರಸಭಾ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ** ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರಿಂದ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. (2) **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.04.2026ರಂದು.** (3) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ತಿಳಿಯುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಾಣಾವರ
ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಾಣಾವರ
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LEGAL AND RECOVERY DEPARTMENT
Demand Notice

(1) **Mr. Sharavanan** S/o Mani
(2) **Mr. S Sharan** S/o Mr. Sharavanan
(3) **Mrs. S Kalaivani** W/o Mr. Sharavanan
All are addressed at: No.2 & 3 , 9th Cross, Ayyappa Layout, Near Euroclub International School, Mallasandra, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru

The credit facilities under **TL A/c No.9687001600004901 dtd 24.12.2019 for Rs.35,97,397/- availed by you No.1] Mr. Sharavanan as the Borrowers and you No.3] Mrs. S Kalaivani as Guarantor and TL A/c No.0968702400077401 dated 28.10.2024 for Rs.9,00,000/- availed by you No.1] Mr. Sharavanan ; you No.2] Mr. S Sharan as the Borrowers and you No.3] Mrs. S Kalaivani as Guarantor at our Bengaluru- HMT Layout Nagasandra Branch.** The above mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non - Performing Asset on **26.11.2025** and that action under SARFAESI Act has been initiated by issuing a detailed Demand Notice under Section 13(2) & (3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by the Authorised officer of the Bank on **05.03.2026** to the parties concerned. The said Demand Notice sent by speed post with acknowledgement to **you No.1] Mr. Sharavanan ; you No.2] Mr. S Sharan and you No.3] Mrs. S Kalaivani** has been returned undelivered. Hence, we have published the contents of the Demand Notice by way of this Notice by observing the procedures laid down in the SARFAESI Act 2002. The total aggregate balance as on **04.03.2026 of Rs.36,35,637.75 (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven And Paisa Seventy Five Only)** with future interest at the rate mentioned herein below. You are called upon to pay the same within 60 days from the date of this paper publication.

Nature & Account No.	Balance Outstanding (Rs.)	Rate of Interest (compounded monthly)	Interest Calculated upto	Interest to be added from
TL A/c No.968700 1600004901	Rs. 27,65,628.67	6.80%	23.02.2026	24.02.2026
TL A/c No.096870 2400077401	Rs. 8,70,009.08	8.71%	27.02.2026	28.02.2026
Total	Rs. 36,35,637.75			

Brief description of the Mortgaged Property (Secured Asset)

All that part and parcel of **Residential Site Nos. 2 and 3 (Eastern Portion) totally measuring 595 sq ft** together with building constructed thereon, **Old Katha No.65, BBMP Katha No.344, Assessment No.2, Ayyappa Layout, BBMP Ward No.13,** Near Euro School & Bethal Church, Mallasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk Bengaluru belonging to **Mr.Sharavanan.**

Please note that I, the Authorised Officer of the secured creditor Bank intend to enforce the aforesaid security in the event of failure to discharge your liabilities in full on or before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this publication.
Further, your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, wherein the time for redemption of mortgage is available only up to the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting tenders.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 10.04.2026
Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II (KARNATAKA)
FOURTH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE BUILDING, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU — 560 001
O.A. No. 1282 OF 2025

BETWEEN:
HDFC Bank Ltd. (Formerly HDFC Ltd.)
Having office at: H.D.F.c. House, No. 51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. **... APPLICANT**
:: AND ::
1. Mr. Vijaysimha
S/o. Mr. Asagodu Subbarao Rajasimha
Aged about 42 years.
Currently residing at: No.612, Simhadri, 7th Cross, 7th Phase, BSK, 3rd Stage, Auden School Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560 085.
Working at: G- Corp Power Pvt. Ltd., No.81/37, the Hulkul ground floor, Lavelle Road, Shanthala Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 001.
Property address: Duplex Flat B-001, Tower B, Ground and First Floor, Hoysala Infantry Towers, 1 Plot site no.23, s.no.21/3, D. Raja Gopal Road, Gedalahalli, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-560 001. **... Defendant No.1**
2. M/s. Hoysala Projects Pvt. Ltd.
A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956.
Having its registered office at: No.104, Ground Floor, Infantry Techno Park, Infantry Road, Bengaluru - 560 001 **... Defendant No.2**
3. M/s. G Corp Power Private Limited
No.81/37, The Hulkul, Ground Floor, Lavelle Road, Bengaluru-560 001. **... Proposed Defendant No.3**

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES,1993

The Applicant filed an Impleading Application against you and by the order dated 19th August 2025 in the court of Presiding Officer/Registry was pleased to issue Notice. The above Proposed Defendant No.3 is therefore, hereby directed to file the objections to the Impleading Application with a copy thereof furnished to the Applicant and to appear before the Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **19th May 2026 at 10:30 a.m.**, as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Tribunal on this the day of April 6 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE
Sd/- REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BANGALORE

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase property Bearing Nos.: 58 and property No. 58/1 situated at Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West Extension, Bengaluru which is morefully described as Item No. 2 and 3 in the schedule mentioned below from Sri. Vidyasagar S/o. L.P. Nanjappa and Sri. Gautham Sagar S/o. Vidyasagar along with Smt. Vijayalakshmi Keshava W/o. K.S. Keshava and Sri. Chittranth K.V. S/o. Venkataramanegowda.
Any person(s) or institution(s) having any claim, right, title or interest of whatsoever nature in respect of below mentioned Schedule Properties are hereby requested to notify the undersigned in writing, along with supporting documentary proof within 15 days from the date of this notice. Failing such communication within the stipulated period it shall be presumed that no such claim exists and if any such claim did exist, it shall be deemed to have relinquished and / or waived their right to exercise such claim.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1:
All that piece and parcel of property Bearing No.: 58 (Old No. 2 of Block I) situated at Railway Parallel Road, Kumar Park West, Bengaluru – 560 020, measuring East to West 120 feet and North to South 80 feet and bounded on; East by: Railway Line Road, West by: Park Area (CITB), North by: Property bearing old CITB No. 3 of Block I, South by: Property bearing old CITB No. 1 of Block.
Item No.2:
All that piece and parcel of property Bearing No.: 58, Khatha / PID No. 27-77-58, E.P.I.D. No. 4018446852 situated at Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Sheshadripuram Bengaluru – 560 020, totally measuring 5375 sq.ft (499.35 sq. mtrs) along with the building thereon and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Park Area CITB, North by: Bungalow site No. 3, Block I and Site No. 58/1 belonging to Sri. Gautham Sagar, South by: Bungalow site No. 1, Block I
Item No.3:
All that piece and parcel of property Bearing No.: 58/1, Khatha / PID No. 27-77-58/1, E.P.I.D. No. 8472733296 situated at Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Sheshadripuram Bengaluru – 560 020, totally measuring 4225 sq.ft (392.52 sq. mtrs) and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Remaining portion of same site no. 58, old No.2, Block–I, retained by Sri. N. Vidyasagar, North by: Site No. 3, Block I, South by: Remaining portion of same site no. 58, old No.2, Block–I, retained by Sri. N. Vidyasagar.

Date: 13.04.2026 Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- S.V. SRINIVAS
ADVOCATE
M/s. Chalapathy and Srinivas, No. 21-22, 2nd Floor, Krishna Towers, 3rd Main, Gandhinagara, Bengaluru-560009

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Rayapudi, Amaravati - 522 237 (A.P.)
Dt: 13/04/2026

CANCELLATION

"APCRDA-Housing & Buildings -AGC Buildings -District Cooling Plant - "Development of District Cooling System for Amaravati Government Complex in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh on PPP Basis"-The issued NIT vide no:
NIT No: MAU61-USI0HB(OTH)/69/2026-IFRMAU61, Dt: 07-03-2026 Cancelled due to administrative grounds.
Sd/- COMMISSIONER, APCRDA, AMARAVATI

Government of Karnataka
(Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department)
KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
III Floor, Grameenabhivruddhi Bhavana, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone No.: 080-29710021/ 22 / 23 / 24 Fax: 080-29710025
E-mail: coo.krrda.karbng@gmail.com Website: http://www.krrda.in

No:KRRDA/TA-03/JE-02/208/TND NOT-01/2026-27/25 Date: 06-04-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION-01

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, KRRDA invites Item Rate Tenders through KPP Portal for the following Indent work.
I) Under Financial Incentive Scheme of KRRDA, Bengaluru
i) Others - KRRDA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT No: 259 Call-3, 257 Call-3, 266 Call-3, 262 Call-4, 271 Call-3, 251 Call-3, 256 Call-3
ii) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): 2% of the Amount Put to Tender.

Calendar of tendering events are as follows:
1) Date of Pre Bid Meeting: **23-04-2026 at 11.00 AM.** **2)** Last Date for Online Submission of Bids: **29-04-2026 upto 5.00 PM. 3)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **30-04-2026 at 5:05 PM onwards. 4)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **02-05-2026 at 5.00 PM onwards or After Completion of Technical Bid Evaluation.**
For any information, the **Executive Engineer, KRRDA** may be contacted. Further tender details can be obtained from the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Note: Any further corrigendum and addendum relating to the said tender notification will be published only in the KPP Portal.

Sd/- Tendering Officer and Executive Engineer KRRDA, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/169/Adverto/2026-27

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II (KARNATAKA)
FOURTH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE BUILDING, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU — 560 001
O.A. No. 1676 OF 2024

BETWEEN:
HDFC Bank Ltd. (Formerly HDFC Ltd.) ... Applicant
:: AND ::
Mr. Ganesha Pillappa and Anr. ... Defendants
To,
1. Mr. Ganesha Pillappa
Currently residing at: No. 75/5A, Kariyanpalya, 6th Cross, 6th Main, Ramachandrappa Layout, Bengaluru - 560 084.
Working at: Sai Aqua Tech, No. 1781, Ground Floor, 3rd Phase B Sector, Bengaluru - 560 064.
Property Address: Flat 211, Second Floor, Block A, emerald Estancia, Sy. No. 31/2, 30/2, Somapura Village, Sarjapura Road, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 562 125. **... Defendant No. 1**
2. M/s. Emerald Group
No. 40, 14th Main, 2nd Floor, HSR Layout, 7th Sector, Bengaluru - 560 102. **... Defendant No. 2**

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES,1993

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Original Application under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against you for recovery of debts of Rs.45,38,317/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Seventeen Only) together with current and future Interest and other relief's. The above Defendant are therefore, hereby directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **26th May 2026 at 10:30 a.m.,** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take Notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Tribunal on this day 8th of April 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE
Sd/- REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BANGALORE

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II (KARNATAKA)
FOURTH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE BUILDING, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU — 560 001
O.A. No. 1235 OF 2025

BETWEEN:
HDFC Bank Ltd. (Formerly HDFC Ltd.)
Having office at: H.D.F.c. House, No. 51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. **... APPLICANT**
:: AND ::
1. Mr. Sandeep Kanamala
S/o Mr. Chander Prakash Kanamala, Aged about 41 years.
Residing at: 1615, Waterford, DR Edison NJ 08817 - 1921.
Property address: Flat - K - 201, Floor, 2 Ozone Urbana Avenue - Wing E- K, S. No. 75, 77/1, 2, 3, 77/4, 78, 79, 80, 81/2, 3, 5 ,6, 86/2, Kannamangala village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 063. **... Defendants No. 1**
2. M/s. Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd.
A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956.
Having its resitered office at: No. 38, Ulsoor Road, Bengauru - 560 042. **... Defendants No. 2**

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES,1993

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Original Application under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against you for recovery of debts of Rs.57,49,900/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Only) together with current and future Interest and other relief's. The above Defendant No.1 is therefore, hereby directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **26th May 2026 at 10:30 a.m.,** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take Notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Tribunal on this day 30th of March 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE
Sd/- REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BANGALORE

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.:KPCL/2025-26/PSL/WORK_INDENT4029/CALL-2 Date:09.04.2026

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

Bids are invited through KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from the qualified bidders for the Design, Manufacture, Supply, Quality Surveillance, Testing at supplier's works, Transportation, Unloading at site, Delivery on FOR designation basis, arranging transit insurance, providing guarantees, supervision of erection, testing & commissioning at site of four numbers of 27MVA, 11/110kV, ONAN, 3-phase Generator Transformers for four Units of 2nd Stage at Mahatma Gandhi Hydro Electric Station including dismantling of existing three nos. of 7.5MVA, 11/110KV single phase Generator Transformers installed at each Unit and shifting it to Stores at Jog.
Last date for submission of bids along with documents to meet the pre-qualification criteria : **11.05.2026 upto 15.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from **Chief Engineer (Electrical Designs),** KPCL, 3rd Floor, KPCL Green Building, No. 3, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560 001, Phone: 080-24413630, e-mail : ceedkpcl@gmail.com

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER

No. WA/SG/2026-27 Date : 09.04.2026
DRM(S&T) NWR, Ajmer on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender for the following work up to 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **Tender No. :** DRM-S&T-04-2026-27 **Name of Work :** Ajmer Division- Provision of S&T Associated work in C/W provision of a shunting neck connected with line No. 6 and an engine holding line connected with ART line at RPZ end of UDZ station (Telecom items). **Approximate cost of work:** Rs. 1146908.57 **Bid Security :** Rs. 22900.00 **Tender No. :** DRM-S&T-06-2026-27 **Name of Work :** Ajmer Division- Provision and upkeep of VHF Voice logging Facility at all the Remaining stations over Ajmer Division. **Approximate cost of work :** Rs. 22470815.99 **Bid Security :** Rs. 449400.00. **Date & Time of opening E-Tender -** 05.05.2026 at 15.30 Hrs. **The details of above E-Tender are available on website www.ireps.gov.in**
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
(Survey & Construction)

Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction)-I, North-Western Railway, Jodhpur through for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders (Open Tender - Two packet system) for the following work :- **1. Tender No. T.No. JU/Const./T-04-R-2025-26-BGKT-PH-II 2. Name of the work with its location :** Development of Maintenance infrastructure (Civil, Mechanical) involving construction of PEB structures for Workshops, Training school and other ancillary works in connection with maintenance cum workshop depot for Vande Bharat Sleeper trains at Bhagat Ki Kothi, Jodhpur as per conditions under WTA-527 (Phase-II). **3. Approx. cost of work :** Rs. 93,14,60,755.35 **4. Earnest Money to be deposited :** Rs. 1,86,29,200.00 **5. Tender Closing date & time :** 07.05.2026 upto 15.00 hrs. **6. Detail of particular, where e-tender can be seen & filled up : www.ireps.gov.in 7. Official email address : dycecju1@gmail.com**
527-CR/26
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BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, CHENNAI
O.A.NO. 339 OF 2025

M/s Central Bank of India
Rep. by its Branch Manager
Hosur Branch, No.19-A, M.G. Road
Hosur, Krishnagiri District - 635 109 **... Applicant**
Vs
1. M/s.Luxrus Ceramic Solutions Pvt. Ltd.,
Rep. by its Directors,
Mrs.Manimozhi Ulaganathan & Mr.Parthiban Palanivel,
No.23, Opp.to N.M.D.C. Govt.Office, Kanakapura Main Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004.
2. Mrs.Manimozhi Ulaganathan, (PAN No.APBPM3046C)
W/o. Mr.Parthiban Palanivel,
No.5, Muthukallipatty (P.O.), Rasipuram (TK), Namakkal – 637 401.
Also at: No.359, 4th cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere (v), Bangalore – 560 083.
3. Mr.Parthiban Palanivel, (PAN No.BKZPP8643Q)
S/o. Mr.Chinnagounder Palanivel,
No.5, Muthukallipatty (P.O.), Rasipuram (TK),Namakkal – 637 401.
Also at: No.359, 4th cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere (v), Bangalore – 560 083. **....Defendants**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that my client Central Bank of India, Hosur Branch has filed the above OA against you for recovery of outstanding loan amount and the above OA stands posted on 19.05.2026 before DRT-II, Chennai at 10.30 am either in person or through pleader, failing appearance, orders will be passed in your absence.

M/s.M.L.Ganesh,885/1991
COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU Notice to the Respondents No. 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21
Vide order dated: 18.03.2026
R.F.A.No.441/2021

Smt. Kamalamma, Rep., by her GPA Holder, Sri. T. Uma Shankar ...**Appellants.**
(By Sriyuths: C Shankar Reddy & Anitha K Advs., for appellants)
-V/s-
Sri. K. Dhanabalan and others ...Respondents
(By Sriyuths: Venkatesh R Bhagat & Akash K Parekh Advs., for R3 to R9 (GPA & VK Filed), Dhanabalan R1 Party-in-Person (Form C Obtained) R2 VK Filed)

To, Respondents: 10. SRI. MUNIVENKATAPPA S/o LATE. MUNIYAMMA, R/AT No. 132, MASJID ROAD, HOODI VILLAGE, BENGALURU-48. **12. SRI. SRINIVASA** S/O LATE MUNIYAMMA, R/AT NO. 174, NEAR THIMMA REDDY BUILDING, VIVEKANANDA, ASHRAMA, HOODI VILLAGE, BENGALURU-560048. **14. SRI. V. NAGARAJ (NGEF),** S/O LATE VENKATAPPA, R/AT NO.7, 7TH CROSS, ANEPALYA, ADUGODI POST, BENGALURU- 560030. **15. SMT. VASANTHA** W/O SRI SRINIVASA, D/O LATE VENKATAPPA, R/AT 1ST MAIN ROAD, PILLAPPA BUILDING, OPP. THIRUMALA TRADERS, CHIKKABOMMASANDRA VILLAGE, G.K.V.K POST, BENGALURU-560065. **17. SMT. PADMA** W/O SRI. MUNISWAMY D/O LATE VENKATAPPA, R/AT SLUM BOARD, CHIKKA BOMMASANDRA, GKVK POST, BENGALURU- 560065. **18. SMT. RATHNAMMA** W/O SRI. MUNIYAPPA, R/AT SRI. DHARMARAYA TEMPLE STREET. RAMAGONDANAHALLI VILLAGE, VARTHUR HOBLI, WHITE FIELD POST, BENGALURU-560 066, **19. SMT. MANJULA (ANGADI)** W/O SRI. SHIVAKUMAR, D/O LATE VENKATAPPA, R/AT DODDAKUNTE (COX TOWN), SRI. APPANNA GARDEN BRANCH, SRI. KAUVERMMA TEMPLE, SLUM AREA, FRAZER TOWN, BENGALURU- 560 005. **20. SMT. CHIKKA TAYAMMA** D/O LATE KAKAPPA, **21. SRI. K. MUNIYAPPA** D/O LATE KAKAPPA, R20 & R21 ARE R/AT HOODI VILLAGE, K.R PURAM HOBLI, BENGALURU- 560 048.

Appeal from the Judgment and Decree dated 09.04.2021 passed in O.S.No.2242/2006 on the file of the XLIII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru.
Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal on **18.06.2026** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.'
Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, on this 10/04/2026.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru

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OPPORTUNITY DOES NOT KNOCK, IT PRESENTS ITSELF WHEN YOU BEAT DOWN THE DOOR
— KYLE CHANDLER

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PROBLEMS ARE NOT STOP SIGNS, THEY ARE GUIDELINES
— ROBERT H SCHULLER

Market Watch

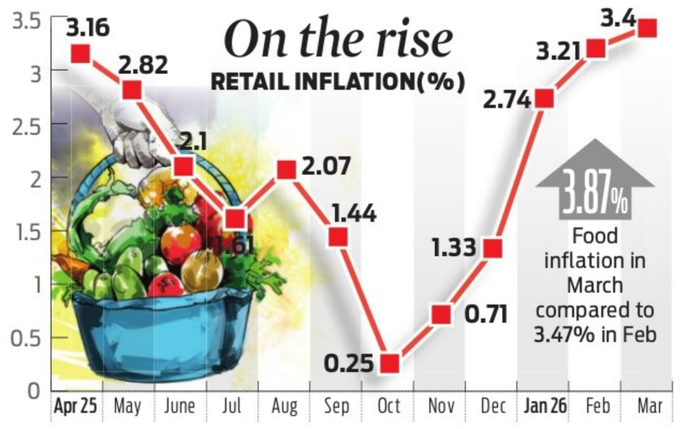
MARKET			GOLD*			SILVER*			FOREX		
702.68 ▼	Sensex	76,847.57	₹380 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹152,460	₹5,000 ▼	1 kg	₹255,000	▲ Dollar	93.37
207.95 ▼	Nifty	23,842.65	₹350 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹139,750	₹50 ▼	10 gm	₹2,550	▲ Euro	109.13

*Delhi Mandi Price

Inflation hits 12-mnth high of 3.4% in March; war impact yet to kick in

Uptick was driven largely by food prices; fuel prices show increase of 1.65% vs 0.14% in Feb

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi



THE impact of the Iran conflict on inflation remained muted in March, even as retail inflation rose to a 12-month high of 3.4%, compared to 3.34% in the year-ago period and 3.21% in February. While inflation remained well below the RBI's 4% target, analysts expect the effects of supply-side disruptions arising from the West Asia crisis to become visible from April onwards.

The uptick in March inflation was largely driven by a rise in food prices, with food inflation climbing to 3.87% from 3.47% in February.

"The marginal uptick in March retail inflation has been driven largely by food prices, with limited pass-through so far from the supply-side disruptions arising out of the ongoing Gulf conflict," said Debopam Chaudhuri, chief economist at Piramal Finance.

After touching a record low of 0.25% in October, retail inflation rose to 0.71% in November and crossed 1% by December.

Despite the gradual increase in recent months, the rise in inflation since January has largely been attributed to base effects, along with changes in methodology.

Although inflation in March remained within the RBI's tolerance band, economists cautioned that the ongoing West Asia crisis and heatwaves could exert upward pressure in the coming months.

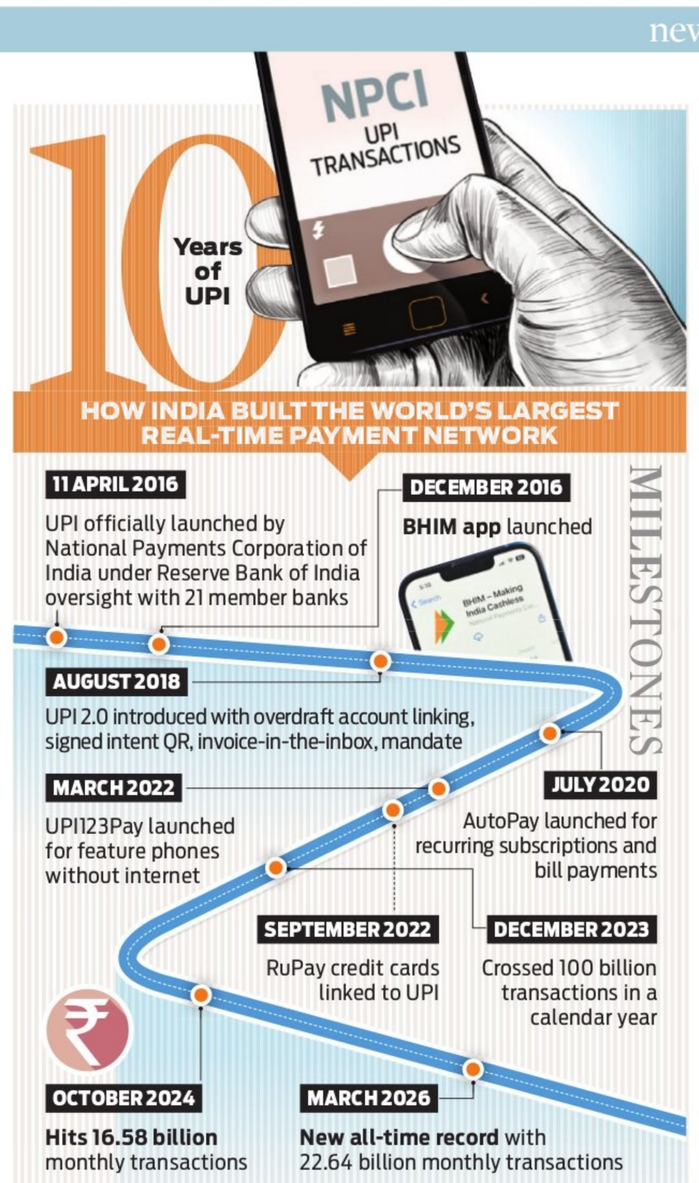
"In the coming months, while a low base will push up food inflation, the adverse impact of heatwaves and the increased risk of a below-normal southwest monsoon pose upside risks. Meanwhile, although higher crude prices are being absorbed by the government, a sustained increase in global prices could eventually push up retail fuel prices," said Dipti Deshpande, principal economist at Crisil.

Despite a full month of the West Asia conflict, retail inflation in March reflected only a limited impact from the energy shock. Fuel inflation rose to 1.65% during the month, compared with 0.14% in February.

Amid disruptions to vessel movement through the Strait of Hormuz, Brent crude prices surged 45% in March, while international natural gas prices rose 69%. In India, however, the impact has so far been contained, with only domestic LPG prices increased by ₹60 per cylinder, while petrol and diesel prices have largely remained unchanged.

"Thus, retail inflation in March was fairly insulated from the energy price shock," Deshpande added.

Core inflation remained contained, aided by softer increases in gold and silver prices.


10 Years of UPI
NPCI
UPI TRANSACTIONS
HOW INDIA BUILT THE WORLD'S LARGEST REAL-TIME PAYMENT NETWORK
MILESTONES
11 APRIL 2016
UPI officially launched by National Payments Corporation of India under Reserve Bank of India oversight with 21 member banks
DECEMBER 2016
BHIM app launched
AUGUST 2018
UPI 2.0 introduced with overdraft account linking, signed intent QR, invoice-in-the-inbox, mandate
MARCH 2022
UPI123Pay launched for feature phones without internet
JULY 2020
AutoPay launched for recurring subscriptions and bill payments
SEPTEMBER 2022
RuPay credit cards linked to UPI
DECEMBER 2023
Crossed 100 billion transactions in a calendar year
OCTOBER 2024
Hits 16.58 billion monthly transactions
MARCH 2026
New all-time record with 22.64 billion monthly transactions
ECOSYSTEM TODAY
Monthly Record Volume 22.64 BN
Monthly Record Value ₹29.53L CR
Share of India's Digital Retail Payments ~84%
Global Real-Time Payments Share ~49%
(As of April 2026)
India
Nepal
Bhutan
Singapore
France
UAE
Sri Lanka
Mauritius
COUNTRIES WITH UPI PRESENCE
500M+ Users
65M+ Merchants
CORE GROWTH STATS
YEAR 1 (FY 2016–17)
YEAR 10 (FY 2025–26)
GROWTH FACTOR
Transaction Volume 17.86 mn 241.6 bn 13,500×
Transaction Value ₹6,952 cr ₹308L cr 4,430×
Participating Banks /Partners 21 684+ 32×
Average Daily Transactions 49,000 662 mn

EXPRESS READ

Aster DM to expand Whitefield Hospital

BENGALURU: Aster DM Healthcare has invested ₹96 crore to expand its women and children's healthcare services at Aster Whitefield Hospital in Bengaluru, adding 159 beds and taking the hospital's total bed capacity from 380 to 539.

Govt announces major bureaucratic reshuffle

NEW DELHI: In a major bureaucratic reshuffle, the government on Monday appointed 2010-batch Gujarat cadre IAS officer Satishchandra Shah as the private secretary to the prime minister Narendra Modi

FREEFALL

Markets fall 1% as tensions rise in Strait of Hormuz

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INDIA'S equity markets witnessed heavy selling on Monday morning as Brent crude oil prices surged sharply after the recent talks between the US and Iran failed to yield an agreement, and US President Donald Trump ordering the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.

In intra-day deals, BSE Sensex dropped 1,682 points or 2.1% to its day's low of 75,868.32, while Nifty fell 495 points or 2% to its intra-day low of 23,555.60.

As the session progressed, the markets recovered from the day's low and at the end of the trading session, Sensex settled 703 points or 0.91% lower at 76,847.57, while Nifty50 settled 208 points or 0.86% lower at 23,842.65. The fresh nervousness in the markets comes after the Sensex and the Nifty50, supported by a ceasefire in West Asia, gained nearly 6% each last week.

"Markets continue to derive limited support from last week's ceasefire framework, which remains intact for now and is encouraging selective buying interest along with a buy-on-dips approach. This comes despite an initial negative reaction to the breakdown of US-Iran peace talks and the announcement of a US naval blockade in the Strait of Hormuz, which pushed crude prices above $100/bbl. Elevated oil prices are raising concerns around inflation, currency stability, and broader macro balances, thereby weighing on overall sentiment," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited.

Brent crude jumped 7.5% to trade above $102 per barrel following the development around the Strait of Hormuz. Meanwhile, the rupee traded weaker by 0.41% at 93.33, as rising crude prices continue to pressure the currency by increasing India's import bill.

Analysts fear that higher oil prices for India are likely to translate into higher inflation in the coming months, exerting pressure on currency stability and corporate margins, thereby impacting overall equity market sentiment.

Broader markets followed a similar trend, with the Nifty Midcap and Smallcap indices declining by 0.57% and 0.46%, respectively.

Govt launches ₹10,000-crore FoF 2.0 scheme for start-ups

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Commerce has launched the second tranche of the Fund of Funds Scheme for Startups (FFS), with a corpus of ₹10,000 crore, aimed at boosting venture capital availability and supporting innovation-led sectors.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said the funds will focus on four key areas — deep-tech startups working on complex, high-cost technologies; small venture funds backing early-stage startups; funds investing in tech-driven manufacturing under the 'Make in India' push; and Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) supporting sector- and stage-agnostic start-ups.

"Start-up India FoF 2.0 will follow a structured selection process for AIFs involving screening by a Venture Capital Investment Committee (VCIC), comprising veterans from the startup ecosystem. The scheme incorporates robust monitoring and oversight mechanisms, while an Empowered Committee (EC) will also be constituted to monitor implementation and performance," the ministry said in a release.

The Cabinet had approved the second tranche of the FFS in February. The scheme will come into effect immediately, with commitments to AIFs spread over the 16th and 17th Finance Commission cycles, the DPIIT said.

Vessels with Iran crude reach India for first time in 7 years

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

AS global oil supplies tighten due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia, which has disrupted cargo movement through the Strait of Hormuz, India has begun purchasing Iranian crude to meet its demand. In the past few days, the country has received two Iranian crude cargoes carried by Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs) — Felicity and Jaya — which have arrived at Indian ports. A VLCC typically carries around two million barrels of oil. The Iran-flagged Felicity has reached Sikka Port, while the Curaçao-flagged Jaya has arrived at Odisha's Paradip Port.

According to ship-tracking firm Kpler, the Felicity, carrying approximately 2 million barrels of Iranian crude, is currently anchored near Sikka based on its latest AIS signal. Meanwhile, Jaya, also carrying Iranian crude, was spotted off Paradip on April 9. This marks the first time since 2019 that India has received crude oil from Iran. The ongoing crisis has significantly impacted cargo movement through the Strait of Hormuz, a critical chokepoint that handles around 20% of the world's crude oil and 25% of global gas supply.

In response to the situation, the United States issued a 30-day sanctions waiver for Iranian oil already at sea. According to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), the waiver applies to oil loaded on vessels on or before March 20 and discharged by April 19.

Following this, the US has allowed the purchase of previously sanctioned Russian as well as Iranian crude to ease supply constraints caused by disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz. India, in turn, has increased its procurement of both Russian and Iranian crude amid the crisis. Iran was once a major oil supplier to India, but imports were halted after US sanctions were imposed. Currently, nearly 90% of Iran's oil exports are directed to China.

The government, in a statement, said there are no payment hurdles for Iranian crude imports and confirmed that India has resumed such imports.

'Use electric furnaces'

The Centre on Monday urged industries to opt for electric furnaces and PNG to reduce dependence on LPG cylinders.

Hanif Qureshi, Additional Secretary in the Union Heavy Industries Ministry, said cylinders are widely used in component manufacturing industry.

In a first, LIC announces 1:1 bonus share issue

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

BONUS SHARE TO BE ISSUED BY JUNE 12

The said bonus issue will be completed on or before June 12. This is LIC's first bonus issue since listing. It has declared five interim dividends since its market debut in 2022. Companies typically announce bonus issues to improve liquidity..

THE board of the national insurer Life Insurance Corporation has approved a 1:1 bonus share issue, making it the first-ever such offer since its listing in May 2022, when the government divested just 3.5% of its holding raising ₹21,003 crore.

The bonus share issue is seen as a precursor to a follow-on public offer.

In an exchange filing late Monday, the Corporation said it will execute the bonus issue by capitalising ₹6,325 crore of its reserves and surplus of the Corporation available as of December 2025.

A 1:1 bonus share issue means an investor will get an additional share for free for every share she holds as on the record date, which is yet to be decided. This means that the value of each share will be halved upon allocation.

LIC shares, which rallied over 9.32% in the past five sessions upon the news that the Corporation would announce a bonus share on April 13, closed at 809, up 1% on Monday. This means upon allotment, each share will be priced 404.50.

"The board approved the issuance of bonus shares in the proportion of 1:1, that is 1 fully paid up equity share of Rs 10 face each for every 1 fully paid-up equity share held by the members of the Corporation as on the record date," LIC said.

The said bonus issue will be completed on or before June 12. This is LIC's first bonus issue since listing. The company has declared five interim dividends since its market debut in May 2022. Companies typically announce bonus issues to improve liquidity, make shares more affordable, and signal confidence in future growth.

Shares of LIC have been under pressure of late, in line with the muted sentiment around the broader market. The stock has declined about 5% since January. However, it is up marginally by 3% in the last one year. LIC had reported a 17% year-on-year increase in net income in the recent December quarter at ₹12,930 crore.

'AI with proper guardrails can help in fin inclusions'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Swaminathan J said on Monday that blind adoption of modern technology like AI in banking & finance sector risks of embracing flawed model, which may impact millions of customers.

While delivering the V Narayanan memorial lecture at the Sastra University, Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu, Swaminathan said, "In an earlier era, a weak judgement in one office might affect a limited number of accounts. But in the AI era, a flawed model can affect millions of customers. Further, if multiple institutions rely on similar models, common datasets, a small set of vendors or shared infrastructure, individual vulnerabilities can become correlated vulnerabilities. This is where even a local weakness can acquire broader systemic significance."

He said the adoption of AI with proper guardrails can go a long way in improving financial inclusion as it can supplement traditional methods by drawing insights from a wider set of patterns in transaction behaviour, repayment flows and business activity.

PEER PRESSURE

AI becomes new proxy: How tech workers are using tools to crack virtual interviews

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

AS India's technology hiring market slowly regains momentum, a new form of interview fraud is quietly spreading across the sector, where candidates are increasingly using AI tools to clear virtual interviews.

Recruiters and hiring managers across the IT services and product ecosystem say candidates are now relying on real-time AI assistants during online interviews to generate polished responses, solve coding problems and even answer behavioural questions on the spot.

Some candidates keep a second screen or mobile phone just below the webcam frame, where tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini or specialised interview copilot software listen to the interviewer's question and instantly suggest answers. Others use browser extensions and hidden desktop overlays that remain invisible during screen sharing but display live prompts.

For coding interviews, the misuse is even more direct. Candidates paste problem statements into generative AI tools or use code assistants to generate full solutions in seconds.

"It has become the new-age proxy interview," said a senior software engineer at Infosys, who recently appeared for roles in Bengaluru's product start-up ecosystem and requested anonymity. "For one round, I had ChatGPT open on my phone and Copilot on my laptop. The HR round was easy. The AI gave me structured answers for leadership and conflict questions almost instantly."

A cloud architect working at Wipro said the pressure to keep up in a difficult market is pushing many candidates towards such shortcuts.

CHEAT CODE

1. Candidates hide a 2nd screen or phone below the webcam
2. Interview copilot tools suggest real-time answers
3. Coding questions are fed into GenAI tools for solutions

"People are not doing it because they are lazy. The competition is brutal. If everyone believes others are using AI, it becomes a survival hack," the employee said. "In technical rounds, some people are literally feeding the question into an AI tool while pretending to think." He also said that the candidates often rehearse with AI-generated mock interviews before the actual call and then keep the same tool open during the live round. "The interviewer asks a system design question, and within ten seconds, the AI gives you a framework of scalability, fault tolerance, caching, and database choice. You just speak around it," he said.

In response, companies across the sector are now changing the way they hire to reduce the misuse of artificial intelligence during interviews.

Several firms have started moving away from fully virtual hiring rounds and are bringing candidates back for in-person discussions, especially for final technical and managerial interviews. A recent report by The Wall Street Journal said more companies are returning to face-to-face meetings as AI tools make it easier for candidates to receive live assistance during remote rounds.

Others are redesigning the interview itself. Instead of asking standard questions that can be easily answered by AI tools, recruiters are increasingly using live work simulations, timed coding exercises and practical problem-solving tasks that mirror real workplace situations. Companies have begun using multi-day work trials to test how candidates actually perform on the job.

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AUCTION SALE NOTICE

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ISSUED UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited Bangalore had taken possession of the house properties described hereunder mortgaged to the Bank by way of security for repayment of immovable Property Loan availed by the respective borrowers mentioned here below, Notice of Auction of the secured assets is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the public in general, under Rules 8 & 9 of Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Details of the borrower, property, reserve price, etc, are as below

Sl No.	Borrower/s Name Branch Name	Property Address	Reserve Price & Amount Due to Bank	Public Auction Date, Time & Place
MALLESWARAM BRANCH				
1	Sri. Gopi N Smt. Padma No.22, 5th Cross, 5th Main, Near Madiwala Check Post, Jogi colony, Bengaluru-560 095.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property House No.22, Tavarekere Slum, Hosur Road, Jogi Colony, Ward No.152 (Old Ward No.66), Bengaluru, within the area of measuring: East to West :13 feet, North to South: 27.50 feet and. Bounded on the: East by : Flat No.21, West by : Flat No.23, North by : Jayamma's House, and, South by : St. Johns's Road.	Reserve Price ₹ 24,94,000.00 Amount Due as on 29.04.2026 is ₹ 17,34,632.00	29.04.2026 at 11.30 am at your premises immovable property bearing House No.22, Tavarekere Slum, Hosur Road, Jogi Colony, Bengaluru.
2	Smt. Uma M Sri Venkatesh R No.16, 5th Cross, Diwanarapalya, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore 560 022.	All that piece and parcel of Northern portion of the property bearing Municipal No.16, Diwanarapalya, Gokula 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Mathikere, Bengaluru, now coming under BBMP, having PID No.4-146-16,Measuring East to West : 56 feet North to South on Eastern side : 18 feet, on Western side : 16 feet Bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Property belonging to Janardhan & M Babu, North by : Property belonging to Balappa, South by: Southern portion of the same property No.16	Reserve Price ₹ 71,40,000.00 Amount Due as on 13.05.2026 is ₹ 41,65,885.00	13.05.2026 at 11.30 am at your premises Northern portion of the property bearing Municipal No.16, Diwanarapalya, Gokula 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Mathikere, Bengaluru.

Place of Auction: At the places mentioned in column no. 5

Date of Auction: As per details in column No.5 above and 'AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION'

Terms and Conditions:

1. To participate in the Auction, the intending bidders have to deposit a sum of Rs.25000-00 by way of DD as EMD favoring The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bengalore payable at Bangelore on the date of Auction before 10.30am.
2. The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount immediately on the same day and the balance of 75% within 15 days in single installment by way of DD as stated above. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payment or fails to adhere to the terms of sale in any manner, the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim on such forfeited amount.
3. All other liabilities charges and expenses like legal charges, stamp duty, registration fee/cost etc. shall be borne by the purchaser only.
4. On receipt of the entire bid amount and on confirmation of sale the undersinged shall issue a Certificate of Sale in favor of the purchaser in the form given in the aforesaid Act.
5. The deposit of the unsuccessful bidders would be returned without interest immediately on conclusion of the Auction.
6. The Undesigned shall have powers to include or exclude or accept or reject bids or postpone/ cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof including addition or deletion of other terms.
7. For inspection of the property and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at Head Office during office hours between 10.00 AM and 5.00PM.
8. For further details contact The Assistant Manager of the Bank.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 08.04.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of **Piramal Finance Limited (PFL) (Formerly Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd.)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to **PFL**, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to **PFL** by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 02900008350 of Mysuru - Chamrajpura Branch) Venkatesh H (Borrower) Leelavathi J (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 16-03-2026 /₹2124595.76/- (₹ Twenty One lakh Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Only and Seventy Six Paise) NPA (08-02-2026)	All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing Municipal Katha No.188/182/425/337, Ward No.5, Situated at Kayisoppina Beedi, Ramanagaram Town, Ramanagaram District, Measuring East to West 55 1by2 Feet and North to South 27.00 Feet. Bounded by :
(LC No. 05100002882 of Thrissur Branch) Thekkiniyil Rajan Sankarkrishnan (Borrower) Divya V R (Co Borrower 1)	Dt : 16-03-2026 /₹ 2677219 /- (₹Twenty Six lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Only) NPA(08-02-2026)	All the piece and parcel of 0.0445 Hector of land in Block No.55, Re Sy No.196/12 in Ananganadi Village, Ottappalam Taluk and Palakkad Dist., As per the Registered Jenm Assignment Deed No.1901/2015 of S.R.O. Ottapplam, including House No. 5/309 of Anangandi Grama Panchayath.
(LC No. 08500006230 of Hyderabad - Kukatpally Branch) Ramanjaneyulu Patarla (Borrower) Bhagyalaxmi Patarla (Co Borrower 1)	Dt : 16-03-2026 /₹ 3027117 /- (₹Thirty lakh Twenty Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Only) NPA (08-01-2026)	All the Piece and Parcel of Open Land Bearing Plot No.125 Southern Part and 126 Northern Part, in Survey no.88, admeasuring 143 Sq.Yards or 119.56 Sq.Mtrs Situated at Sri Nilaya Township of Badangpet Village, Saroornagar Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Under Badngpet Nagar Panchayat Registration District Registrar, L.B. Nagar Ranga Reddy (East) District.
(LC No. 12700004141 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) Naveen Reddy K (Borrower) Sujatha Naveen Reddy (Co Borrower 1) Krishna Reddy (Co Borrower 2) Pushpa Krishna Reddy (Co Borrower 3)	Dt: 16-03-2026 /₹ 3777776 /- (₹ Thirty Seven lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Six Only) NPA (08-01-2026)	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site no.9, Katha No.5/9, Sy No.5/9, measuring East to West 28 Feet and North by 34 feet and South by 40 Feet, Totally measuring 1036 Square Feet, Situated at Roopana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, B.B.M.P., Bangalore and Bounded on:
(LC No. PHHLBNG07000452 of Bangalore Branch) Anand Ao (Borrower)	Dt : 16-03-2026 /₹ 2034712 /-(₹ Twenty lakh Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Only) NPA (03-01-2026)	**Schedule 'C' Property :** A3 Bhk, Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No.B2-04-07 on the Fourth Floor of the Block 'B2' in the project known as "GM Ambitious Enclave" being built in Schedule 'A' Propertyand apartment having 990 Sq.Feet of Super Built uparea which consisting of 643 Sq.Ft of Carpet Area and Proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other area of common use along with One Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement / Stilt / Ground Level. **Schedule 'A' Property :** All the piece and parcel of the converted property bearing Sy No.53/1 measuring 3 Acres 07 guntas, Sy No.53/2 measuring 3 Acres 04 guntas, Sy No.54/1 measuring 35 guntas, Sy No.54/2 measuring 32 guntas, Sy No.54/3 measuring 32 guntas, SY No.54/3 measuring 32 guntas, Sy No.54/4 measuring 32 guntas ans Sy No.54/5 measuring 32 guntas, in all admeasuring 10 Acres 14 guntas, Situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Jingani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded as : On the East : Property in Sy No.49 and Sy No.50 On the West : Property in SY No.55 On the North : Property in SY No.52 and Sy No.56 On the South : Property in Sy No.155/9
(LC No. 12800003980 of Chennai - Porur Branch) Arunvignesh D (Borrower) Prabha Josephine (Co Borrower 1)	Dt : 16-03-2026 /₹ 2008440 /- (₹Twenty lakh Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Only) NPA (08-10-2025)	Plot No.84 & 85 Yuvasri Nagar, S No.1 / 1C1B, Nariyambakkam, Padappai Chennai Tamil Nadu - 601301
(LC No. HLSA000B0122 of Bengaluru - Vasanth Nagar 2 Branch) Durai M (Borrower) Maruthi (Co Borrower 1)	Dt : 23-03-2026 /₹ 3175675 /- (₹ Thirty One lakh Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five Only) NPA (05-03-2026)	Site bearing No 267 Formed in SY. NO. 40,41 and 42 of Singasandra village ,Situated at Singasandra Dhakle , 1st Main 6th Cross Chennakeshva Nagar , Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Bengalore Mesuring East to WEST - 40 Feet and North to South - 30 Feet in all total Measuirng 1200 Sq. Feet Along with ACC Building Constructed together with all right , Appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as follow - East By - Site No 278, West By - Road, North By - Site No 266 , South By - Site No 268.
(LC No. XBLBSLIV0010B40 of Bengaluru - Vasanth Nagar 2 Branch) Durai M (Borrower) Maruthi (Co Borrower 1)	Dt : 23-03-2026 /₹ 109166 /- (₹ One lakh Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Six Only) NPA (05-03-2026)	Site bearing No 267 Formed in SY. NO. 40,41 and 42 of Singasandra village ,Situated at Singasandra Dhakle , 1st Main 6th Cross Chennakeshva Nagar , Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Bengalore Mesuring East to WEST - 40 Feet and North to South - 30 Feet in all total Measuirng 1200 Sq. Feet Along with ACC Building Constructed together with all right , Appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as follow - East By - Site No 278, West By - Road, North By - Site No 266 , South By - Site No 268.
(LC No. HLSA000EAF6FIN of Bengaluru - Electronic City Branch) Moshe . (Borrower) Lakshmi M (Co Borrower 1)	Dt : 23-03-2026 /₹ 142542 /- (₹ One lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty Two Only) NPA (05-03-2026)	**Item No.1:-** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.60, BBMP E-PID No.6767929818, E-Property No.6110/54/60, Assessment No.54, Situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Ward No.40, Measuring East to West: 15 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, totally Measuring 600Sq.Feet., and bounded on the; East By: Site No.61, West By: Remaining Western portion of Same Site No.60, North By: Road, South By: Site No.67, **Item No.2:-** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Western Portion of Site No.60, BBMP E-PID No.6537745309, E-Property No.8608/54/60, Assessment No.54, Situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Ward No.40, Measuring East to West: 15 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, and bounded on the; East By: Remaining Eastern portion of Same Site No.60, West By: Site No.59, North By: Road, South By: Site No.67.
(LC No. HLSA000EAF6F of Bengaluru - Electronic City Branch) Moshe . (Borrower) Lakshmi M (Co Borrower 1)	23-03-2026 /₹ 3667472 /- (₹ Thirty Six lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two Only) NPA (05-03-2026)	**Item No.1:-** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.60, BBMP E-PID No.6767929818, E-Property No.6110/54/60, Assessment No.54, Situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Ward No.40, Measuring East to West: 15 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, totally Measuring 600Sq.Feet., and bounded on the; East By: Site No.61, West By: Remaining Western portion of Same Site No.60, North By: Road, South By: Site No.67, **Item No.2:-** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Western Portion of Site No.60, BBMP E-PID No.6537745309, E-Property No.8608/54/60, Assessment No.54, Situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Ward No.40, Measuring East to West: 15 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, and bounded on the; East By: Remaining Eastern portion of Same Site No.60, West By: Site No.59, North By: Road, South By: Site No.67.
(LC No. HLSA0009B1F8 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) H.T. Honnappa (Borrower) Mrs. Chaithra C H (Co Borrower 1)	Dt : 23-03-2026 /₹ 19432009 /- (₹ One Crore Ninety Four lakh Thirty Two Thousand Nine Only) NPA (05-03-2026)	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing the Western Portion of the proeprty admeasuring area of 767.20203692 Square ameters 167.411206 Square meters approximately of Ground Floor 17.558667 Square mters contructed building bearing Muncipal Corporation New Khatha No. 2102 /1938, old khatha No. 1504 /1409 PID No. 5-9-137 Muncipal Ward No 11 formed in old survey nos. 211/2, 211/3,218/1, of Magadi Bangalore Kunigal Road Magadi Town Ramanagagaram District Ramanagara Karnataka (Together with Building consisting of 3 portions of house on the Ground Floor totally measuring 167.411206 Sq.Mtrs)
(LC No. HLSA0006880C of Gadag Branch) Pradeep Mulimani (Borrower) Mrs. Shyamala Venkaraddi Mulimani (Co Borrower 1)	Dt : 23-03-2026 /₹ 3387329 /- (₹ Thirty Three lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Only) NPA (05-03-2026)	Plot property NA RS NO. 133/B, Plot No. 14 of Hulkoti Village , VPC No. 711/A of Gadag Taluk Hulakoti Village Hulakotti Gram Panchayath Property No. PID No. 151400101600101988 situated at Hulakotti Taluka Dist Gadag Site measuring East-West 10-00 Meter , North-South -20-00 meters Total 200-00 Meter and building area of 92.90 Sq.mtrs

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **PFL** as aforesaid, **PFL** shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **PFL**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

DATE : 14.04.2026 | PLACE : BANGALORE-KARNATAKA — SD/- (AUTHORISED OFFICER),PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT BENGALURU

Notice to Respondents No. 6
Vide order dated 17.03.2026

R.F.A. No. 1002/2021

K. T. Rajashekara since dead by LR., Smt. Megha B. R .....Appellant
(By Sriyuths: Krishna G. S. & Sujay Kumar H. S. Advs.,)

V/s

Shivarudrappa and Others ....Respondents
(By Sriyuths; T. Seshagiri Rao & Sunil Rao Adv., for C/R1, P. Mahesha Advt., For R2, H. C. Shivaramu Adv., for R11 & R 12)

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To:
Respondents No. 6:
06. Smt. Bramaramba W/o. Mruthunjaya, No. 41/B, Ramapriya, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Kengeri Upanagara, Bengaluru - 560 060.

Appeal from the judgement & Decree dated 24.06.2021 passed in OS. No. 1/2013 on the file of the Senior Civil Judge, Maddur.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorised by law, to act for you in the above appeal on **10.06.2026** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the deal of this court, this the 17th day of March 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Asst. Registrar

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients **MRS. ROOPA W/o Mr. SUDINDRA,** has lost a site Sale Deed Document No. **BLN-1-52309/2006-07,** CD No. **BLND359, Dated: 16-11-2006 & General Power of Attorney** Document No. **9394/1995-96,** volume no. **352, book no. 4, page no. 156-158, Dated: 07-03-1996** which was belongs to late. Smt. Vijaya at the time of traveling, finder please return the same to my client or **Contact No. 9845383181, Police Complaints no. 2141522/2026 and 2141508/2026.**

SCHEDULE

All that price and parcel of immovable Property bearing **Site No. 111** (One Hundred Eleven). Assessment **No. 44** of **Hegganahalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** Previously Dasarahalli City Municipality Limits, Now comes under BBMP Ward No. 71 Limits. Measuring East to west: **30-0 feet,** North to South Eastern Side: **43-0 feet,** western side **52-0 feet** in all measuring **1425 sq feet.** And Bounded on :
East by : Site No. 112.
West by : Site No. 110.
North by : Road.
South by : Others Property

M/s Nagaraja & Associates
B. S. MANJUNATHA B.A. LL.B
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Notice is hereby given to the general public by **Mrs. KUSUMA S,** that the Sale Deed bearing document No. 757/1967-68, dated: 20/07/1967, which belongs to **S.P Ignatius,** has been lost/misplaced and is not traceable despite diligent search. The document is believed to have been lost while she was travelling from Indiranagar Sub-Registrar Office by bus between 12/03/2026 to 02/04/2026. Further she has lodged an online compliant at police unit, Bangalore City, vide lost Report no: 2136776/2026. This notice is being issued to inform and caution the general public. Any person who may be in possession of the above-mentioned document is requested to hand over the same to the undersigned at the address given below within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing this, it shall be presumed that the document has been irretrievably lost and is not traceable. Therefore it is informed to the public that any transactions, claims, or activities made or undertaken on the basis of the said document after this publication, including the execution of any Absolute Sale Deed, shall be entirely at the risk and responsibility of such persons.

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No:KIMS/Koppal/Tender/2026-27/47 Date:13/04/2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited for Supply of Equipments/Instruments to KIMS Koppal under two cover Bid system as per KTPP Act 1999 rule 2000 KPPP portal of Government of Karnataka.
1) Dental Department - Tender Cost: Rs. 14.67 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 36,700/-
2) Bio Chemistry Dept - Tender Cost: Rs. 14.12 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 35,310/-

Tender Can be Downloaded from **16/04/2026** from 5.30 PM and Last Date for Submission of Tender **02/05/2026** up to 05.30 PM Further information may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and this office web-site www.kimskoppal.kar.nic.in

DIPR/Koppal/24/KSMCA/2026-27 Sd/-Director, KIMS Koppal.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division Koppal.
Ph. : 08539 - 222318, E-mail : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. : P.W.D./DK/TR/KW-4/2026-27/115 Date : 13-04-2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible Tenderers as per Standard Bid Documents KW-4 on **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal. **Head of Account : KKRDB Macro Non Social - SDP / 2022-23 & 8443 - Deposit Contribution 2025-26.** Two Cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed.

For more Information the Contractor can Contact the under signed during Office hours on Phone No. 08539 - 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from Website : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 02 Works (Work Indent No. : 33710 & 32982) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders 22-04-2026 Time 16.00, Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid : 24-04-2026 Time 11.00, Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 29-04-2026 Time 11.30. Minimum & Estimate Maximum Amount Rs. 340.00 Lakhs & Rs. 382.00 Lakhs respectively.

The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Date & Time for Pre-Bid Meeting, Tender Queries / Clarification & Other information as mentioned in K.P.P.P. Portal. Any changes either in tender Date or any other condition tenderers can view in K.P.P.P. Portal.

DIPR/Koppal/20/Manipal/2026-27

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D., Division, Koppal.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

HOME LOAN CENTRE
HSR LAYOUT, No, 241, 19th Main Road, 4th Sector HSR Layout, Bengaluru – 560 102,
Mob. No : 9972361099, E-mail : racpc.hsr@sbi.co.in / maint.hsr@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER

UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED ACT)

At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individual against secured assets through its **HLC HSR LAYOUT** (and account maintained at SBI, Intouch Pritech Park Branch, Bengaluru), mentioned thereon, The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities has become irregular, the debts has been classified as Non-Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1. Name and address of the Borrower: **1) Mr. Kamaljit Hans** S/o. Dialchand Hans, **Mrs. Manisha** W/o. Kamaljit Hans, # Flat No 105, A – Block, Sy.No. 150-153, Nester Raga Apartment, Outer Ring Road, Mahadevpura, Bangalore – 560 048. Ph :9663373570 / 9986999301, **2) Mr. Kamaljit Hans** S/o. Dialchand Hans, CISCO System Pvt Ltd, Cessna Business Park, BGL – 17/5, Kadubeesanahalli, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore – 560103. Ph : 9663373570,**3) Mr. Kamaljit Hans** S/o. Dialchand Hans **Mrs. Manisha W/o. Kamaljit Hans,** # Flat No. T2A12B, Twelfth Floor, Tower-T2A, Wing-C, **"Pashmina Waterfront"**Bhattarahalli, Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore – 560049.Ph : 9663373570 / 9986999301

Outstanding Loan Amount: **Rs. 65,87,846/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty SixOnly) as on 02.04.2026** and you are also liable to pay interest from **03.04.2026** at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs etc.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY MORTGAGED

SCHEDULE "A" : (Part of the Larger Property after the Release of the lands to BDA) :All that land measuring 15 (Fifteen) Acres and 23.08 (Twenty Three Point Eight Guntas bearing Survey Nos, 4, 5/1, 5/2, 6/1, 6/2/ 6/3, 6/4, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/5, 7/6, 8/1, 8/2(p), 8/3, 8/4, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4, 12/2, 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 16/4, and 17, all situated in **Bhattarahalli Village, BidarahalliHobli, Bangalore East Taluk** (Registered in Municipal Khata No. 149 of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), within the limits of Municipal BBMP Ward No. 52 of Krishnarajapuram, District Bangalore, Karnataka and bounded as follows : East By :Medahalli Village Boundry; West By :Bhattarahalli tank and Proposed Road; North By :Private Properties; South By : National Highway No. 4 Old Madras Road;

SCHEDULE "B" : (Description of property upon which the Project is Developed)
A 266889.6 Square feet of undivided share being portion of the Schedule "A" Property i.e. out of the Property bearing Municipal No. 149 (in the records of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike) situated in **Bhattarahalli Village, Municipal Ward No. 52** for the distribution of **Pashmina Waterfront Residential Complex** (The Pashmina Waterfront Residential Complex is located within Survey Nos. 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/5, 7/6, 8/1, 8/2(p), 8/3, 8/4, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4, 12/2, and part of Survey Nos. 5,6,16 and 17 totally measuring about 7 Acres 30 Guntas.

SCHEDULE "C" (Description of the Undivided Share Conveyed): 384 Square feet undivided share in the Schedule "B" Property corresponding to the Schedule "D" Private Residence taking into consideration the FAR achieved on the Schedule "B" Property.

SCHEDULE "D" : (Description of the Private Residence Conveyed by the Vendor – Cum - Developer) : A **Three Bedroom** Private Residence bearing **No.T2A12B** on the **Twelfth Floor**of **Tower – T2A, Wing – C** in the Project known as **"Pashmina Waterfront"(Referred in guideline value book as Altius Pashmina Realty)** developed on the Schedule 'B' Property, having a Carpet area of 1321.6 Square feet and Super Built Up Area of 1918 Square feet along with One Covered Stack Car Parking Accomodating 2 cars in the basement with proportionate share in the Common Area and the non-exclusive right to use of the Common Area, the Common Amenities and Facilities of the Project.

NOTE : 1) This Sale Deed is in compliance with the provisions of Section 194-IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and TDS, if any has been deducted.
2) The Property Hereby Conveyed falls under the description of " Altius Pashmina Realty (Apartment) (PID No.: 052-W0149-2)" at Serial No. 79 of th Act, 1957.e Estimated Guideline Rates of Properties within the jurisdiction of Sub-Register, Bidarahalli, for the year 2018-19 circulated by the Central Valuation Committee, Government of Karanataka, under the Karanataka Stamp

Name of the Branch: Intouch Pritech Park Branch Bengaluru **Account No: 39222742942**
Date of NPA: 31.03.2026 **Demand Notice Date: 08.04.2026**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. The Bank reserves its rights to call upon you to repay the liabilities that may arise under the outstanding Bills Discounted, Bank Guarantees and Letter of Credit issued and established on your behalf as well as other contingent liabilities.

Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act whereunder you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 08.04.2026

Sd/-Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Home Loan Centre, HSR Layout

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No:KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT4068/Call-2 Date: 07.04.2026

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only) (Two Cover System)

Tenders are invited through KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works for **Re-babbitting of Generator non driving end bearing of unit 2 at Shimsha HES.** EMD: **Rs. 17,355/-.** Last date for submission / uploading the bid in e-portal: **16.04.2026 at 16:00 Hrs.** Work Completion Period: **30 Days.** Further details can be had from **Executive Engineer (O&M) Shimsha, KPCL, Shimshapura-571 430, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya Dist., Mob: 09902835577**

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LEGAL AND RECOVERY DEPARTMENT

Demand Notice

(1) Mr. Sagayaraj Smith A S/o Mr. Alexander
(2) Mr. Gerald Paul S/o Mr. Sagayaraj Smith A
(3) Mr. Sherwin Smith S/o Mr. Sagayaraj Smith A
All are **residing at :** No.B-101, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, "B" Block, Aishwarya Residency, G M Palya, Bengaluru-560075

The credit facilities under **TL A/c No.9077001600001601 dtd 06.09.2010 for Rs.26,00,000/- availed by you No.1] Mr. Sagayaraj Smith A as the Borrowers, you No.2] Mr. Gerald Paul and you No.3] Mr. Sherwin Smith as Legal heir of borrower Mrs. Julia Smith D at our Bengaluru- Chandra Layout Branch.** The above mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non - Performing Asset on **04.06.2025** and that action under SARFAESI Act has been initiated by issuing a detailed Demand Notice under Section 13(2)&(3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by the Authorised officer of the Bank on **16.02.2026** to the parties concerned. The said Demand Notice sent by speed post with acknowledgement to **you No.1] Mr. Sagayaraj Smith A, you No.2] Mr. Gerald Paul and you No.3] Mr. Sherwin Smith** has been returned undelivered. Hence, we have published the contents of the Demand Notice by way of this Notice by observing the procedures laid down in the SARFAESI Act 2002. The total aggregate balance of **Rs.11,12,661.41 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-One And Paisa Forty One Only)** with future interest at the rate mentioned herein below. You are called upon to pay the same within 60 days from the date of this paper publication.

Nature & Account No.	Balance Outstanding (Rs.)	Rate of Interest (compounded monthly)	Interest Calculated upto	Interest to be added from
TL A/c No.9077001 600001601	Rs. 11,12,661.41	8.86%	05.02.2026	06.02.2026

Brief description of the Mortgaged Property (Secured Asset)

All that part and parcel of Flat bearing **No.B 101, 1st Floor, "B" Block,** measuring **1400 sq ft and 240 sq ft UDS** in the total land area and car parking slot on Ground Floor and also share in all common areas & services in the Apartment known **"Aishwarya Residency"** constructed on property bearing No.555/602 and 555/603 (Old Site No.12& 13) situated at 3rd Main, G M Palya, Byrasandra Dhakle, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru belonging to **Mr. Sagayaraj Smith A and Mr. Gerald Paul & Mr. Sherwin Smith as Legal heir of borrower Mrs. Julia Smith D.**

Please note that I, the Authorised Officer of the secured creditor Bank intend to enforce the aforesaid security in the event of failure to discharge your liabilities in full on or before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this publication.

Further, your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, wherein the time for redemption of mortgage is available only up to the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting tenders.

Place : Bangaluru
Date : 09.04.2026

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleshwaram 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

'We, **Canara Bank, Regional Office West** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) M/s Prashanth Bottle Suppliers, No. 2/3 First Main Road, Dayananda Nagar , Srirampura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560021 **(1a) M/s Prashanth Bottle Suppliers,** Site No.07, New Ward No.73, Kottigepalya, (Old Ward No.32) of Srigandadhakavalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560091 **(2) Mrs. Radha Bai** W/o Late S C Gangoji, 2/3 First Main Road, Dayananda Nagar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560021 **(3) Mr.G Mohan Kumar,** S/o Late S C Gangoji (Legal Heires), 2/3 First Main Road, Dayananda Nagar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560021 **(4) Mr. G Prashanth** S/o Late S C Gangoji(legal Heires), 2/3 First Main Road, Dayananda Nagar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560021 **(5) Mrs.G Prathimabai** D/o Late S C Gangoji (Legal Heires), 2/3 First Main Road, Dayananda Nagar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560021

Details Of The credit facility/ies availed by the borrower:

Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of Sanction/ Renewal	Sanction Amount	Liability With Interest as on Date 09.04.2026	Rate of Interest
2454261 005795	MSME OD/OCC	05.07.2025	Rs. 5,00,000/-	Rs. 5,09,556.47	10.25 + 2% Penal Interest
2454746 000024	TERM LOAN	30.12.2020	Rs. 45,00,000/-	Rs. 14,70,390.09	10.90 + 2% Penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 19,79,946.56 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Six and Fifty Six Paise Only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 31.03.2026 **Demand Notice Dated : 10.04.2026**

Details of security assets :
Name Of Title Holder : M/s Prashanth Bottle Suppliers.
Movable : Bottle Stocks (Finished Goods) Rs.74.56 Lakhs, Shop: No 2/3 First Main Road, Dayananda Nagar, Srirampura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560021.
Name of title holder : Mrs.Radha Bhai.
Immovable Property :
All that Piece and Parcel of House Property, Bearing Khata No.285/288, Old Khata No.285, Site No.07, Sy.No.85/6, New Ward No.73 Kottigepalya, (Old Ward No.32) of Srigandadhakavalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, In all Measuring 1600 Sq. Feet, together with 800 Sq. Feet of R.C.C Roofed House Constructed thereon with all Civic Amenities. Situated at: 07, Sallapuradhamma Layout, Srigandadhakaval, Sunkadakatte, Laggere, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore. Within the Revenue and Administrative Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and Bounded as Follows: East by: Site No.12, West by: 25 Feet Road, North by: Site No.8, South by: 30 Feet Road.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 13.04.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

Volleyball revolt: 2 players leave national camp

Indian volleyball has been hit by turmoil as two senior players have quit the national camp in Ahmedabad over "incompetent coaches", removal of foreign coach Dragan Mihailovic, "poor and unscientific facilities" at the camp venue and "politics" in selection. Anand K, a libero (a defensive position), and middle-blocker John Joseph left the camp on Sunday. The VFI, on its part, has denied the charges, calling them "politics at play."

INDIA'S BID BASED ON USING EXISTING FACILITIES, PROGRESS IMPRESSIVE: CS CEO

Days after the five-member delegation visited Amdavad to evaluate preparations, Sadleir, CS CEO, talks to **Indraneel Das** about venues, expectations on the ground, inclusion of yoga and kabaddi, establishing an organising committee & more...

CS CEO Katie Sadleir (3rd from R) along with CS chief Donald Rukare (C), Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, IOA chief PT Usha (3rd from L) with other delegates

THE buzz around the 2030 Commonwealth Games is slowly picking up.The evaluation of India's preparedness has already kicked in even though they were awarded the right to host the Games only in November. A five-member delegation of the Commonwealth Sport (CS) visited Amdavad (Ahmedabad) to inspect the condition at the venues. CS Chief Executive Officer Katie Sadleir, who had fruitful discussions with all stakeholders – the Gujarat state government, central government, the Indian Olympic Association & host city officials — said the visit was fruitful. She was impressed with the existing facilities and is sure India would deliver a 'wow Games'. Hours before leaving for Birmingham for the 100-day countdown of the 2026 CWG, she spoke to this daily about India's preparedness. She is expecting the organizing committee to be formed soon (after the elections) and said there would be at least a couple of traditional sports with the programme to be finalized by the end of this year. *Excerpts*:

■ On the visit

It was really good. This was my fourth trip to India and my second to Amdavad but the first after the announcement (of hosting the 2030 Commonwealth Games) in November at our General Assembly. We had some really good meetings with the government at the city level. We are really impressed with some of the stuff that had happened ever since the General Assembly which was in November. We got to have a look around and there are some world-class facilities. It's just going to wow people, in terms of the facilities that are both currently there and the ones that are planned.

■ On preparations

There are two things. One of the things that we have been working on from CS perspective over the last two years, in particular since Victoria pulled out, was what we call a Commonwealth Games reset where we have a commitment at a CS level to take the CWG around the Commonwealth. What we did is we went and looked at the product in Birmingham and said, "how do we actually bring this down to be something that is affordable"?

And one of the significant elements that we wanted to try and take 60% out of the cost of the Birmingham Games and one principle behind that was that we did not expect people to be building new facilities to host. If there were plans already in place, if a country or a city didn't have a stadium and that they wanted one or to upgrade their stadium and have an event there, Games would help with the momentum to further that along then that's fine. When the bid came from India, it was very much based on using existing facilities. Some of those facilities are absolutely smacking brand new. Others of them have been around for a while and there will be some layovers. They might need temporary stands built and maybe a fresh coat of paint. The facilities are absolutely suitable. When we were there in the last two-three days — a delegation of four of us (including the CS president Donald Rukare, Darren Hall, Director of Games & Assurance and Ann-Louise Morgan, director sports). We also brought a consultant who specialises in working with international sports federations and making sure that facilities meet standards. We had meetings with ministers and government officials, but those were really intensive three days of looking at facilities with lots of them being multi-sport potential. Obviously, everyone knows that India has a vision for an Olympic Games. So they have kind of a Plan A and a Plan B.

■ Rebranding CWG and CS?

I guess there are two things. Obviously, we are trying to — as part of our Commonwealth United, which is a 10-year strategy we signed three years ago — to lift the profile and connecting with the youth. We have used the brand with the celebration device, those three Vs (Venue, Vibe and Visitors) for Birmingham under the term Commonwealth Sport. We only agreed that we would officially change our name from the Commonwealth Games Federation to Commonwealth Sport at the last General Assembly, because we believe that we are about more than just the Games. We run a whole bunch of development programmes with our members around the world, aimed at getting more young people involved in sport, developing leaders. We have a big programme called GAPS, which is about working with... inclusive aspirations when bringing more and more people with disabilities into sport. It is also about the Games, in particular, how we would make that more attractive for potential hosts.

It's worked because we know we came out of a really tricky period when Victoria pulled out of the Commonwealth Games, and I was the CEO at that time, it wasn't a great day. We moved quickly to secure Glasgow as a stepping stone to the Games and its future. We are really excited about what will happen in Glasgow. We went to the market for expressions of interest for 2034 and 2030 and got five countries put forward and it was quite a change. All of a sudden there's a change, including obviously India and Nigeria, two of our largest members. The way we have run the expressions of interest or what we call the pipeline process is we try to tell people if they are not successful to stay with us and work with us on the next Games. When we open up the pipeline process again for 2034, we know we have between three and five countries that are waiting for that to happen. We're quite excited about that. India is going to be an absolutely fabulous Games because it's not just about hosting the 2030 Games, it's also our 100 year celebration.

■ On traditional sports

I am personally of the belief that we will announce the sports before the end of this year. We are working very closely with the Indian Olympic Association, Commonwealth sport members and the government on what their aspirations are. It's kind of a very interactive approach much more than we've done before. It will really be an exciting programme and it will have a mixture of sports that people will expect to be on the programme. We are looking forward to seeing a couple of traditional sports as well. It's part of our philosophy actually to support the hosts.

■ On delay in forming organising committee

The organising committee is in the process of being established. Obviously, we have arrived at a point in time with lots of elections about to happen or are going on. At this stage we have are the four stakeholder groups. We are in touch regularly through a variety of means and projects. It wouldn't be great if the committee was not established before Glasgow, but they are well on their way to establish.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

260 minutes for 40-over match: IPL's slow grind

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Bengaluru

ON Sunday night, the Indian Premier League (IPL) game between Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bengaluru set an unwanted record. By the time it finished, Monday was roughly nine minutes away. Four hours and, more or less, 20 minutes for 40 overs. It was one of the longest IPL games without any interruption from the weather Gods.

The paying public had still not reached their houses long after the lights were switched off. Even as the players emptied the dressing room and went for their warm-down sessions and ice-baths, the housekeeping staff at the Wankhede Stadium got down to the business of cleaning. The cutlery had to be glistening. The toilets around the stadium had to be cleared and photos sent to the contractors. The cops outside the stadium had to direct traffic and ensure there was something approaching orderliness. The ground staff would have had to do some gardening before receiving their go-ahead to leave the premises (in certain venues, they will also have to cover the square to protect it against the elements in case of an overnight shower).

These staff — the invisible army without whom IPL matches wouldn't be possible — would have gotten back way after 1.30 AM. The IPL has a responsibility to safeguard the well-being of the work-force who quietly do their task behind the scenes but this isn't how you go about securing their well-being.

While Sunday night's game was an aberration, this has been a season where four hours for a game has been the norm. When T20 cricket started, it was billed as the sport's snappiest format. Right now, it's not doing what it says on the tin. The first innings of the game on Sunday lasted for over two hours. Not even 10 overs every hour. It's slower than Test cricket.

When asked about it in the post-match press-conference, Sherfane Rutherford spoke about the stop-start nature of the contest. "Yes, that was the toughest part," he said. "Every time Rasikh (Salam) bowls, he takes five minutes. Every time you have momentum, when there is a stop and start, it just keeps slowing up the game. It's something that no one can control."

This, though, isn't about Rasikh, RCB or MI. But is it something 'no one can control'. In fact, in IPL's 2026 Playing Conditions, there are clauses to essentially protect the game to be played at walking pace.

Under 'Hours of Play; Minimum Overs Requirement' in Clause 12.5, it clearly says each session will comprise of 90 minutes each 'including five minutes time-out', separated by a 20-minute interval between innings. Provided there are no rain stoppages, it's 200 minutes from the first ball to the last ball. But reviews, most of them for wides and no-balls, unsanctioned breaks have compounded the issue this season.

The minimum over-rate, according to the Playing Conditions, 'shall be 14.11 overs (excluding time-outs). Clause 12.6.2 says: "In uninterrupted matches, this means that the 20th over should finish within 90 minutes (being 85 minutes of playing time plus 5 minutes of time-out) of the start of the innings." But it's quite clear that the teams aren't just stretching the over-rate, they are playing a different sport.

Perhaps, one reason why captains are happy to disregard the league's Playing Conditions is the fines are too soft. Till the 2024 edition, captains falling foul faced the prospect of suspension. Since 2025, though, that has been replaced by a demerit system and a token fine of ₹12 lakh for first-time offenders. In the league's first 20 games in 2026, four captains have already been penalised. (Shreyas Iyer has been fined twice). Shubman Gill, Hardik Pandya and Ruturaj Gaikwad have also seen fines come their way for slow over-rates. In 2025, a total of nine captains faced financial sanctions.

The BCCI will do well to revisit the idea of suspensions because this is unsustainable. If nothing else, it will hit viewership figures across all demographics.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

CHENNAI TAKE ON KOLKATA

AFTER A MORALE-BOOSTING VICTORY ON SATURDAY, CHENNAI SUPER KINGS TAKE ON A WOUNDED KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS. A LOOK...

Can Sanju continue scoring?

After scoring single-digit scores in the three games for CSK, new signing Sanju Samson went on to score a resounding unbeaten 115 against Delhi. His ton brought smiles on many faces on Saturday night, across fans, teammates and the team management. If Sanju continues to score, then the team can rely on him ahead of a long season, where they would face tough opponents.

Eyes on Varun's fitness

Varun Chakravarthy's fitness has been a point of debate so far since his finger injury in Kolkata's loss to Sunrisers Hyderabad. He went on to miss two games. While there is no fixed date for his return, KKR have revealed that he has been training with bandages on. Only time will tell whether the Tamil Nadu mystery spinner — who has had a forgettable start to the season so far — would be in the squad on Tuesday.

- **Chennai Super Kings vs Kolkata Knight Riders, Chennai**
- **LIVE on Star Sports & JioHotstar, 7.30PM**

Desperate Knight Riders look for turnaround

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

MS Dhoni, who suffered a calf injury, is yet to play this season | EXPRESS

CHENNAI Super Kings would look to build on the momentum they gained from their win over Delhi Capitals in their previous match when they take on winless Kolkata Knight Riders at the MA Chidambaram stadium here on Tuesday.

One of the heroes of the win, Jamie Overton, witnessed the loyal CSK fans rally behind him as he took four wickets on Saturday. "Yeah, it's great to have the love and support of the crowd. The Chepauk is a fabulous place to come and play and the support we get is phenomenal. It's great to play in front of them and it's nice to finally get a win this season for them," said an elated Overton ahead of the KKR match.

While CSK batting looks settled with the return of Dewald Brevis, concerns remain over the bowling attack's ability to take wickets and deliver. "No specific plan, I think it's just trying to be adaptable to the conditions that suit us. Obviously a lot of guys will bowl spin throughout the middle overs, but I think with us, especially if we're playing on a red soil wicket here like the last game, the seamers can be really effective in the middle," he said. KKR, on the other hand, have been plagued by injuries and dip in form of key players. Varun Chakravarthy who injured his left-hand is recovering. "Varun's been training, he's had a bandage on his hand but he's still training, he's been training for all the days leading up to this thing (CSK game), so he's good," said the KKR media manager.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

BIG DAY FOR BARCA & REDS

Barcelona face a huge ask at the Metropolitano while Liverpool will look to tap into the magic of a famous Anfield night. A look at two of the second legs of the quarterfinals of the Champions League.

Atletico vs Barcelona

First leg: Barcelona 0-2 Atletico

The Catalans missed a whole host of chances and Diego Simeone's men capitalised by scoring two out of the three shots on target. Julian Alvarez will have a big influence on this game at home but never rule out Lamine Yamal & Co. from a remontada. This Barcelona side have goals in them but their high line will see them concede chances on the break.

Liverpool vs PSG

First leg: PSG 2-0 Liverpool

Arne Slot's tactics were called into question after employing a back five in Paris. It came unstuck as PSG played through their opponents with ease. They will need the magic of Anfield for this as they seek to overturn a big deficit. For the Parisiens, the likes of Desire Doue and Ousmane Dembele will be part of their famed attacking triumvirate.

12.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY | SONY SPORTS PICTURES

Hinge & Hussain rise to the occasion

ENS @ Hyderabad

Praful Hinge (4th from left) celebrates a wicket | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

UNCAPPED bowlers of Sunrisers Hyderabad Praful Hinge and Sakib Hussain wrecked havoc on an in-form Rajasthan Royals side, reducing them to 9/5 in a chase of 217. They never really recovered, falling short by 57 runs.

Hinge — who has only played one T20 before — became the first pacer to scalp three wickets in an opening over of an IPL match since its inception. The 24-year-old from Vidarbha was bought for his base price of ₹30 lakh, but his contribution so far is priceless. He accounted for wickets of in-form batters in Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Dhruv Jurel and Lhuan-dre Pretorius (all three went for ducks). Ravindra Jadeja and Donovan Ferreira helped them avoid the embarrassment of the lowest total, but that was not enough. Earlier, Ishan Kishan set the tone with a sensational 91 and took SRH to 216/6. **Brief scores:** SRH 216/6 in 20 ovs (Kishan 91, Archer 2/37) **bt** RR 159 in 19 ovs (Ferreira 69; Hinge 4/34, Hussain 4/34).

EXPRESS READ

BCCI swaps GT-CSK ties due to civic polls

NEW DELHI: The BCCI revised the schedule of the IPL matches on April 26 and May 21 due to civic polls in Ahmedabad. The afternoon match between GT and CSK, originally slated to be played in Ahmedabad on April 26, will now be held in Chennai, starting at 3:30 PM. The return fixture, scheduled for May 21, has been shifted to Ahmedabad, with the match set to begin at 7:30 PM.

Restrictions lifted on Russian swimmers

LAUSANNE: The governing body for international swimming and aquatic sports will allow athletes from Russia to compete without restrictions and with their national flag and anthem. The decision marks a major shift in how a key sport treats Russia ahead of the 2028 Olympics. World Aquatics said it will remove restrictions which had required Russian and Belarusian athletes to compete under neutral status.

Sports Awards: Ministry re-evaluating nominees

NEW DELHI: The eagerly-awaited national sports awards have been uncharacteristically delayed this year and sources in the sports ministry said it is because of a re-evaluation process that is currently underway to ensure that "only the deserving" athletes get the honour. The selection panel had given its recommendations in December after the process of nominations was delayed.

SILVER LINING

Always wanted to be one of the best in the world, says Ayush

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

Ayush Shetty in action during the final | BADMINTON ASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

AYUSH Shetty is living his dream at the moment. Badminton is his language and he had always dreamt about trading the shuttle with the best in business. In the last few days, he was doing just that with remarkable aplomb. A sensational run that helped him join a rare club.

"I always wanted to be one of the best players in the world, that was always my dream. It still is. Back then (when he was much younger), I didn't believe it as much as I do now. Over the period of time, I really started believing that I really want to be the best. I have to put in the work. Now I really believe that I want to be the best and I'm working hard on that," Ayush, fresh after capturing a rare silver medal in the Badminton Asia Championships in China, said in a media interaction facilitated by the Badminton Association of India.

That growing belief was evident throughout the course of last week during the continental meet in Ningbo. It was more than just a silver medal for India. It was a performance that would echo with pride for years to come. In the process, it also provided a glimpse into the future of Indian badminton. Ayush sent a powerful message, signalling his arrival in a grand manner. Giants of the game were left scratching their heads in the process as the 20-year-old Karnataka player, still raw at this level, outwitted them like a seasoned professional. World No 7 Li Shi Feng, World No 4 Jonatan Christie, World No 1 Kunlavut Vitidsarn were some of his prized scalps. Reflecting on his performances, he said trusting the process helped him navigate tough matches.

"The process, I just kept trusting the process, thinking that I'm doing the right things. I kept believing in myself, I think that was the most important part. If you look skill-wise, I was playing more attacking this week. I didn't want to go defensive. That was a key point," he said.

A run like this is like finding water in a desert. The last time an Indian men's singles player had entered the final was in 1965. He had the opportunity to retrace Dinesh Khanna's — the last man from the country to reach the final — gold but he was denied by reigning world champion Shi Yu Qi of China.

"In the final, Shi didn't give me much of a chance to attack. The main thing he did was he didn't give me the chance to dominate at the net. He was pushing the pace, not giving me any chance at the net. I couldn't create any good attacks...that's something I need to work on. I need to be more patient & play longer rallies."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

In adults, ADHD rarely looks like restlessness. It is quieter, often invisible — less about fidgeting and more about a persistent struggle to regulate attention, organise tasks, and follow through consistently.

WHY ADULT ADHD IS OFTEN MISSED

MASKING AND COPING
Many rely on last-minute pressure or overcompensation to get through school and early work life

MISLABELLING
Symptoms are mistaken for laziness, carelessness, or lack of discipline

GENDER DIFFERENCES
Women often show less visible symptoms, leading to underdiagnosis

CULTURAL FACTORS
Stigma and low awareness delay help-seeking

EXECUTIVE DYSFUNCTION
Difficulty planning, prioritising, starting, and completing tasks

TIME BLINDNESS
Poor sense of time; deadlines feel distant until they are urgent

EMOTIONAL DYSREGULATION
Irritability, mood swings, sensitivity to criticism

COMMON SYMPTOMS IN ADULTS

IMPULSIVITY
Interrupting, hasty decisions, risky behaviour

CHRONIC DISORGANISATION
Struggles with maintaining order in daily life

HYPERFOCUS
Intense concentration on interesting tasks, often at the cost of others

ADHD IN ADULTS IS OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR STRESS

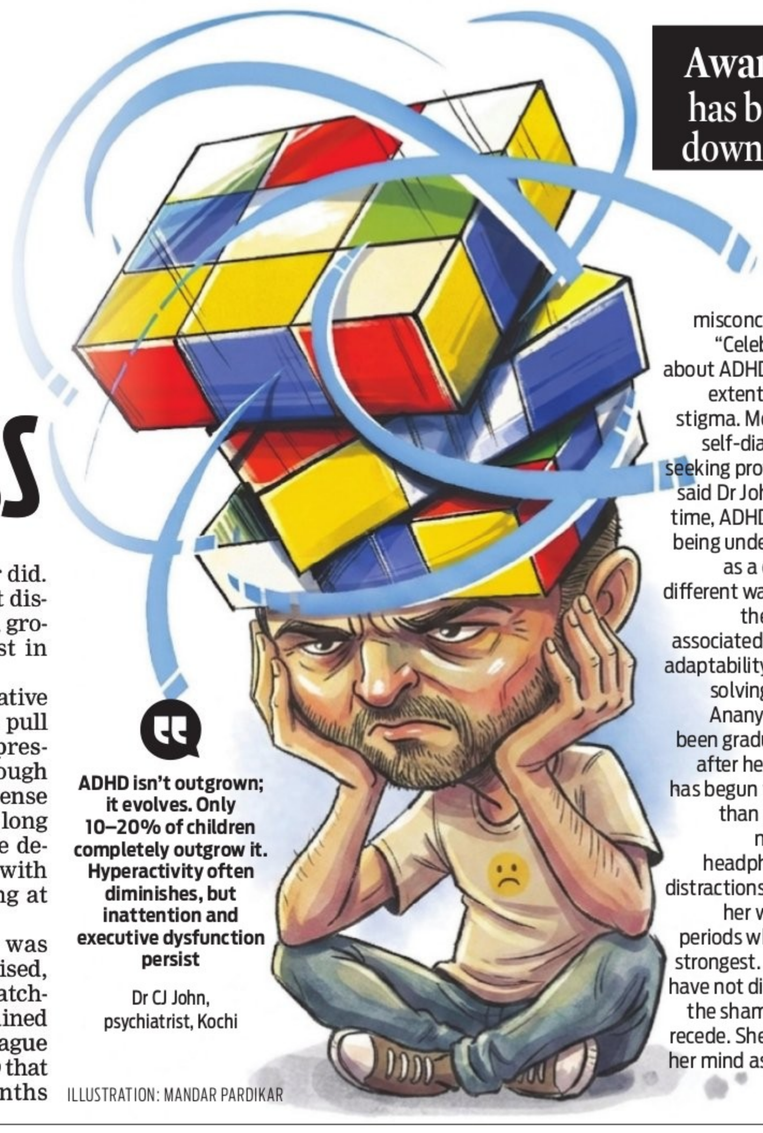

ILLUSTRATION: MANDAR PARDIKAR

ADHD isn't outgrown; it evolves. Only 10–20% of children completely outgrow it. Hyperactivity often diminishes, but inattention and executive dysfunction persist

Dr CJ John, psychiatrist, Kochi

Awareness has brought down stigma

Awareness on adult ADHD is slowly increasing, though misconceptions persist. "Celebrities speaking about ADHD have, to some extent, helped reduce stigma. More people with self-diagnosis are now seeking professional help," said Dr John. At the same time, ADHD is increasingly being understood not just as a deficit, but as a different way of processing the world — often associated with creativity, adaptability, and problem-solving. In the case of Ananya, this shift has been gradual. Six months after her diagnosis, she has begun to adapt rather than resist. She uses noise-cancelling headphones to reduce distractions and structures her workday around periods when her focus is strongest. The challenges have not disappeared. But the shame has begun to recede. She no longer sees her mind as broken, but as different.

UNNIKRISHNAN S @T'Puram

AT 32, Ananya had what most people would describe as a good life. She worked as a product manager at a fast-growing fintech startup in Thiruvananthapuram, lived in a swanky apartment and maintained a wide circle of friends. On paper, her life reflected the markers of millennial success, with a résumé that traced a steady climb through prestigious degrees and rapid promotions. Yet her days rarely unfolded as neatly as her achievements suggested.

Deadlines slipped despite long hours. Meetings blurred as her attention drifted at crucial moments. Her inbox filled with half-written replies she intended to finish but never did. At home, tasks piled up in quiet disarray — laundry left half-folded, groceries forgotten, bills paid just in time or slightly late.

To colleagues, she was a "creative firebrand," someone who could pull off brilliant solutions under pressure. In private, she cycled through guilt, anxiety, and bursts of intense productivity that rarely lasted long enough to feel like control. She described her mind as "a browser with twenty tabs open, all refreshing at once."

For years, she believed this was simply who she was — disorganised, easily distracted, perpetually catching up. Stress, she thought, explained the rest. It was only when a colleague casually mentioned adult ADHD that something began to shift. Months later, after a formal evaluation, she received a diagnosis: attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). For the first time, her struggles had a name.

Condition that lingers

Ananya's experience reflects a reality that often goes unnoticed. ADHD has long been associated with hyperactive children — typically boys who struggle to sit still in classrooms. That narrow image has obscured a more complex truth – for many, the condition does not end with childhood.

"ADHD isn't outgrown; it evolves. Only 10–20% of children completely outgrow it, while 50–80% continue to experience symptoms as adults. Hyperactivity often diminishes, but inattention and executive dysfunction persist. Factors like severity, comorbidities, and environment influence this trajectory. Effective coping strategies can mask symptoms, but the underlying condition often remains," said Dr CJ John, senior psychiatrist at Medical Trust Hospital in Kochi.

In adults, ADHD rarely looks like restlessness. It is quieter, often invisible — less about fidgeting and more about a persistent struggle to regulate attention, organise tasks, and follow through consistently. Many appear composed on the outside while navigating constant mental noise within.

For Ananya, the shift became clear only in hindsight. As a student, she had relied on urgency. The night before an exam was enough to trigger intense focus, allowing her to perform well despite last-minute preparation. Structure was imposed externally—by school schedules, deadlines, and parental oversight.

The workplace demanded something different: sustained attention, long-term planning, and steady execution. The strategies that once worked began to falter. ADHD, she realised, was not an inability to focus. It was an inability to regulate focus. She could spend hours immersed in stimulating work, yet struggle to complete routine tasks that required consistency rather than urgency. The contrast was confusing — not just to others, but to herself.

Over time, the gap between effort and outcome began to take a toll. "It is not the symptoms alone, but how they are perceived that causes harm," said Dr Gopal Bhatia, consultant in psychiatry at Narayana Hospital, Ahmedabad.

Repeated struggles are often misread as carelessness or lack of discipline. These interpretations, when reinforced over years, can become internalised. Many adults with undiagnosed ADHD grow up believing they are lazy, unreliable, or simply "not trying hard enough." The emotional weight of these labels can be as debilitating as the condition itself.

This disconnect frequently leads to anxiety, depression, and burnout. In many cases, individuals seek help without realising that ADHD may be the underlying driver.

The moment of recognition

For Ananya, clarity came not through work, but at home. While she managed to meet professional expectations through sheer effort, her personal space told a different story — unfinished projects, scattered belongings, and what she called "doom piles" im

Why women are often overlooked

- Gender adds another layer to the story. Men are more likely to be diagnosed early, often because their symptoms are outwardly disruptive. Women, on the other hand, tend to present with inattentive patterns that are easier to overlook.
- Their hyperactivity is often internal — experienced as a racing mind rather than physical restlessness. Many develop compensatory behaviours such as over-preparing, making exhaustive lists, or putting in extra hours to avoid mistakes. These strategies can mask symptoms for years, delaying diagnosis well into adulthood.

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF ANDHRA PRADESH
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Tenders are hereby invited from reputed and experienced companies for the following tenders.

S.No.	Tender ID	Name of the work
1	921089	Tender notice-Proposal for selection of agency for providing professional manpower services for the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh.

Bid Starting date: 13-04-2026. Bid end date : 24-04-2026.
Tender documents are available on e-procurement platform tender **apeprocurement.gov.in**
Tenders will be opened in the presence of company representatives who attend the evaluation.
For further details contact: **8247302497.**
Sd/- Vice Chairman and Managing Director
DIPR No.5029PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt:13/04/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **SMT.SUKANYA** W/o Sri.Santhosh.N, residing at No.289, 11th Main Road, Near Rama Temple, Abbigere Main Road, Jalahalli West, Kammagondahalli, Bengaluru-560015. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the vacant **Site bearing No.1,** Property No.132, E.P.I.D.No.3582369228, measuring East to West 12.19 Mtrs and North to South 9.14 Mtrs, in all measuring 111.48 Sq.Mtrs, situated at **Chikkabanavara Village,** Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, within the administrative jurisdiction Chikkabanavara Town Municipal Council and bounded as follows:
East by : Remaining land in Assessment No.132
West by : Road
North by : Site bearing No.02
South by : Road

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the vacant **Site bearing No.2,** Property No.132, E.P.I.D.No.6331751552, measuring East to West 12.19 Mtrs and North to South 9.14 Mtrs, in all measuring 111.48 Sq.Mtrs, situated at **Chikkabanavara Village,** Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, within the administrative jurisdiction Chikkabanavara Town Municipal Council and bounded as follows:
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South by : Site bearing No.01

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APPENDIX IV [See rule 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas,The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Vistaar Financial Services Private Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the Borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice along with future interest and other charges etc. till actual payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to amount along with future interest and other charges etc. till actual payment.
The Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

1 **Name of the Borrower(s):- Mr/Mrs. Kirankumar Dp, Mr/Mrs. Rathnamma**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.20,91,191/-(Rupees Twenty Lakh Ninety One Thousand One Hundred Ninety One Only) as on 1/1/2026.
Loan Account No. 0060SBML01508 **Demand Notice Dated: 8/1/2026**
Possession type: Symbolic **Possession taken on: 09-04-2026**
Description Of The Immovable Property:- Second Schedule: Description Of Property: piece and parcel of property bearing E-Khathuo.152900200600200091, Property No73/53, in Sy No.174 situated at Doddakaibalu Village, Hohalli Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagar Dist, now comes under Kottagalu Village Panchayath nits, in Form No.118-Khatha Property, measuring Fast to west-10.0584VMtr, North to South-12.67900000000001Mtrs, in all measuring 127.55Sq.Mtrs along with RCC building and bounded on: Boundaries: **East By:** Property Kempegowda, **West By:** Ha Dairy, **North By:** Road, **South By:** Road.

2 **Name of the Borrower(s):- Mr/Mrs. Usha H, Mr/Mrs. Gowtham D**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.21,20,021/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Thousand Twenty One Only) as on 1/1/2026.
Loan Account No. 0269SBML00395 **Demand Notice Dated: 8/1/2026**
Possession type: Symbolic **Possession taken on: 09-04-2026**
Description Of The Immovable Property: The property admeasuring an extent of 1200 Sq.Ft. comprised in Khata No(s) 105, Site No.56 & 57, situated in Mylasandra Village, within the Sub-Registration District of Begur bounded on the follow **East:** Site No.54 and 55, **West:** 20 Feet Road, **North:** Private Property **South:** Site No.58.

Date: 09-04-2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer,**
Place: Bangalore **For, Vistaar Financial Services Private Limited**

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Tenders are invited for the tenderers for the following Services under two bid (Technical and Commercial) system

Sl. No.	Name of the work	EMD (in Rs)
1.	DESIGN, SUPPLY, ERECTION, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF SWEETS PRODUCTION UNIT AT UDUPI DAIRY, UPPOOR – DKMUL **TENDER NO : KMF/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT406**	Rs. 5,00,000/-

TENDER NO : KMF/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT406
Date of down loading of tender document is 10.04.2026 to 09.05.2026
The last date for submission of bids is 09.05.2026 up to 5.00 PM
Date of opening of technical bid & financial bid will be informed later
Item wise detailed Tender Form cost is as kppp Portal of Government of Karnataka. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
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Place: Mangalore

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(Rule 8(1) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
[Rule - 8 (1)]

1. Borrower/ Mortgagor : Mr. Ravi S V S/o Late Venkatappa, No 22 Chikkabayya Layout, Samethnahalli, Dist: Bangalore 560067, Karnataka-India
2.Co-Applicant: Mr. Madhukar M V, No 22 Chikkabayya Layout, Samethnahalli, Dist: Bangalore 560067, Karnataka-India
Account No.- 248730100013074.

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of Union Bank of India,**Varthur Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002)and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **19-01-2026** calling upon the borrower's **Mr. Ravi S V and Mr. Madhukar M V** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.71,06,044.24** (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Six Thousand Forty Four Paise Twenty Four only) within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read withrule 8 of the said rules on this **10th day of April2026**.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Union Bank of India, Varthur (24871) branch** for an amount **Rs.71,06,044.24** (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Six Thousand Forty Four Paise Twenty Four only) plus interest and charges thereon from 19-01-2026.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13of the Act, in respect of time available to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property
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Site No.240, having BBMP Khatha Number 733/240, Old Khatha Number 733, situated at Kadugodi village, previously Mahadevapura CMC, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, within the limits of BBMP, Mahadevapura ward, Bangalore, measuring East to West 33 ft, North to South 40 feet 6 inches, in total measuring 1336.5 sq ft and the residential building constructed thereon, bounded by: East by: Road and then Bibi Jan's House, West by: Property of Lakshmaiah, North by: Property of Bhagawath Singh, South by: 7 ½ * 33 feet vacant site, then house belongs of Nagamunishetty.

Date: 10.04.2026 **Sd/-**
Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
Union Bank of India

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concened that the following property is secured in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **05.05.2026 "as is where is and as is what is basis"** for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower's, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about hoiding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

1. M/s. Digital Add Sense, Represented by its Partners: Sri Karthik Muniraju & Smt. Meghana Karthik, No.5151, "Vijayraj" Krishna Farm, Near Omkar Hills, Kengeri Post, Bangalore-560060. **2. M/s. Digital Add Sense, Represented by its Partners: Sri Karthik Muniraju & Smt. Meghana Karthik,** No. 244/B1, 32nd Cross, 2nd Main, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560082. **3. Sri Karthik Muniraju - Guarantor,** No.5151, " Vijayraj", Krishna Farm, Near Omkar Hills, Kengeri Post, Bangalore-560060. **4. Smt. Meghana Karthik - Guarantor,** No.5151, "Vijayraj", Krishna Farm, Near Omkar Hills, Kengeri Post, Bangalore-560060. **5. Sri Muniraju D – Property Owner & Guarantor,** No.5151, "Vijayraj", Krishna Farm, Near Omkar Hills, Kengeri Post, Bangalore-560060. **6. Smt. C. Vijaya - Guarantor,** W/o D Muniraju, No.5151, "Vijayraj", Krishna Farm, Near Omkar Hills, Kengeri Post , Bangalore-560060.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through website: **https://www.banksauction.com** on **05.05.2026** for Recovery of an amount for of **Rs.1,31,18,084/- (Rupees One Crores Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen Thousand and Eighty Four Only)** due and payable amount as on **31.03.2026** with further interest, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Description of the property: Property No.1: Property belongs to Sri Muniraju D bearing No.5151, Khatha issued by BBMP Khata No. 1131/1048/1063/1090/1121, situated at Sreenivasapura, Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560060 measuring East to West 90.60 feet and North to South 90.60 feet totally measuring 8190 Sq. feet, with building thereon and bounded on: East By : Road, West By: Property belonging to Sri.D.Krishnappa, North By: Remaining portion of owner's property, South By: Remaining portion of the owner's property.
Property No.2: All that piece and parcel of the BBMP B Khatha property belongs to Sri Karthik Muniraju bearing Sy.No.128/3, Re-Sy. No.128/4, BBMP PID No.128/4(128/3), situated at Katteganahalli, Jala Hobli, 24th Cross, Near Ramakrishna Memorial School, Maruthinagar, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560064 measuring 9 guntas (out of 2 acres 36 guntas), i.e., 9801 Sq.feet and bounded on East by:Log Hissa Block No.1, West by:Venkatala Village Boundary, North by:Road South by:Kogilu Village Boundary.

Reserve Price	**Property No.1: Rs.8,36,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Crores Thirty Six Lakhs Only)** **Property No.2: Rs.3,40,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Fourty Lakhs Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Property No.1: Rs.83,60,000/- (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Sixty Thouand only)** **Property No.2: Rs.34,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Only)**
Bid Increment Amount	**Property No.1: Rs.8,36,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand only)** **Property No.2: Rs.3,40,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fourty Thousand Only)**
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**04.05.2026 UPTO 4:30 PM**
Date and time of opening of online offers	**05.05.2026, Tuesday from 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM for SMVCB-JPN-DAS-1 and 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM for SMVCB-JPN-DAS-2 (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)**
Bank account in which EMD to be remitted	**Through EFT/ NEFT/ RTGS/ Demand drafts/ Bankers cheque in favor "Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore" Branch: J P NAGAR, Branch Code: 004016100000001, IFSC Code: MVCB0000004**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

1) The Immovable Property will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being caution deposit through EFT/NEFT/RTGS for above concerned branch. The Demand Draft/ Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. 3) The property 'SHALL NOT be sold below the reserve price 4) The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, including EMD amount already deposited, immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officerl.e. before closure of business hours on the same day or not later than next working day and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day from confirmation of sale. Default in deposit of any of the above mentioned amount(s) within the period stipulated herein by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the entire money already deposited and Properties shall be put to auction again and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of Properties/ amount deposited. 5) The successful bidder shall bear all the necessary expenses like applicable stamp duties/additional stamp duty/transfer charges, **E-khatha charge, Property Tax,** Registration expenses, fees etc. for transfer of the property in its/his/her name. 6) The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/ cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for. 7) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **Date: 04.05.2026 from 10.00 AM to 4.30 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the schedule. 8) The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. 9) The intending bidders shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc., of the property. 10) Please refer to the link **https://www.bankeauctions.com** and **website: www.vob.co.in** for detailed terms and conditions of the sale. 11) All disputes, differences and controversies between the parties are subject to Bangalore Jurisdiction only, **STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002:** This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to borrowers /mortgagors and Guarantors of the above said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date. The borrower/guarantors/mortgagors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Note: The intending bidder/purchaser may visit to bank's website www.vcb.co.in for detail terms and conditions regarding auction proceeding

Date: 13.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

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DAY'S DIARY

Fall of Titanic

Royal Mail Ship (RMS) Titanic, en route to New York City from Southampton, England, sank during its maiden voyage, in 1912

TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED

The Titanic was the largest and most luxurious ship in the world. It had 16 watertight compartments designed to keep it afloat, which led to the belief that the ship was unsinkable

DISAPPEARANCE

The Ship disappeared into the dark Atlantic Ocean at 2.20 am (ship's time) on April 15, 1912, after hitting an iceberg at 11.40 pm the previous night

SURVIVORS

Only 710 of the 2,224 people on board survived. Investigation said that Captain Edward John Smith had failed to take note of ice warnings

Rooms of Their Own, or Not Quite

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AS MULTIPLE REGIONAL NEW YEARS ARRIVE TOGETHER, PROMINENT B'LUREANS ACROSS THESE COMMUNITIES SHARE WHAT THESE FESTIVALS MEAN TO THEM AND THE MEMORIES THEY HOLD CLOSE

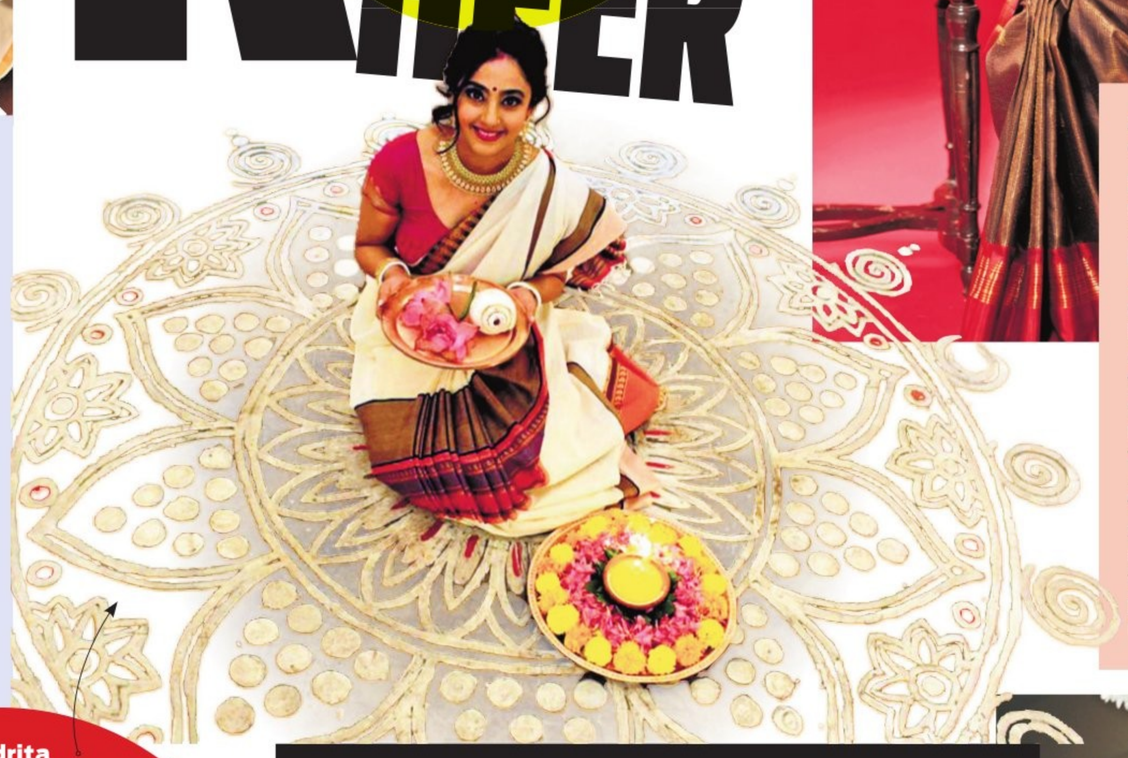
KOLAM ANI KHEER

Albert Ajay, actor-content creator

Puthandu feels like a moment to slow down in the middle of everything. I don't celebrate it in a grand way, but I make sure I spend it meaningfully – being around family, sharing a meal and just being present. Starting the day by seeing fruits, flowers and light is something I've held on to. If I had to pick one favourite thing, it would be the mango pachadi – the mix of sweet, sour and bitter... it feels like a reflection of life itself.

Shivani Karnica, digital creator

Puthandu is a way to restart my year and hold myself accountable to the resolutions I skipped on Jan 1. But it's also about waking up to my mom cooking and handing me heated hair oil and of course, eating a proper meal, taking the fattest nap and heading out for a New Year movie release. I now run back home for it. It's less about routine and more about how I want to feel. Nothing beats an elai sapadu with paruppu vada, rice, sambar, poriyal, ending with my mom's special payasam – it's comfort, nostalgia, everything in one.



Aindrita Ray, actor

Typically, my mom prepares her famous meal using the jaggery brought from Calcutta. I celebrate both Poila Boishakh and the Kannada New Year. We do a small get-together with family. This time, I've booked my tickets to Lakshadweep to start the New Year on a new note; it is the first time I won't be with my parents. Poila Boishakh falls around my birthday as well so it's a double celebration with a special kheer by my mom. When we were younger, we got new clothes on this particular day, but now I'm extremely conscious about sustainability, so I've stopped following that tradition. I'd rather be more on the charitable front.

ANJALI RAM

THIS week, Bengaluru slips into a cultural overlap, as many homes celebrate Puthandu (Tamil New Year), Vishu (Kerala New Year) and Poila Boishakh (Bengali New Year), almost together, marking the New Year for the Malayali, Tamil and Bengali communities. Be it the symbolism of Vishu Kani to the hopeful resets of Puthandu and the vibrant beginnings of Poila Boishakh, each celebration in different homes carries its own rhythm. In a city known for embracing all cultures rooted in distinct traditions alike, where many live away from where they grew up, these festivals become a way to hold on to memories while also creating new ones. With traditions recreated in apartments instead of ancestral homes to rituals adapted to busy schedules and nostalgia often sitting alongside new, urban meanings, Bengalureans share what these days mean to them, the rituals they never miss and how they are celebrating this year.

Vishnupriya, digital creator

I wake up early to see Vishu Kani, which is considered the first and most auspicious sight of the year. Because I live away from my parents, celebrating Vishu has definitely changed over the years. I have to recreate moments on my own, which makes me miss home. The celebrations are simpler, but they still carry the same emotional value. One of my favourite memories was receiving money from elders – it felt like a treat. But now, we've become the ones giving Vishu Kaineettam, and there's something really heartwarming about that shift.

Mithilesh Edavalath, director

Unlike many, Vishu is my favourite festival because of a lot of factors. One is Vishu crackers – we start bursting it a week before, and then the day before and after, we go searching for anything that hasn't been burst and light them. Another reason is the money – in North Kerala, it's not coins – they give a lot of money, and we travel to every relative's house to collect it. So it's also about meeting everyone after a long time. We had a big konna tree [golden shower tree, often associated with Vishu, the flowers are placed alongside for Kani] right in front of my house, and that's something I really miss now, celebrating in Bengaluru. We also miss foods like unniyappam, kareppam and different payasams. Here, we make them, but it's not the same. We can't even burst crackers like before or meet all relatives because of traffic, so celebrations are smaller. One major thing I miss now during Vishu is something called undalinga – a harder, smaller version of unniyappam. And unlike the southern part of Kerala, we include chicken fry and fish fry, which we really cherish and relish with sadhya.

MELTING IN MELODY

Playback singer SP Charan, known for hits like *Kadhal Sadugudu*, *Ayyayo* and *Oh! Shanthi Shanthi*, performed to an audience of captivated fans at Chowdiah Memorial Hall over the weekend | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

CITY READ

Tribute to rock musician Saul Hudson to be held

A rock tribute to the British and American musician, Saul Hudson 'Slash', will be held at The Raf, Koramangala, on April 18 from 7.30 pm onwards. Led by city-based musician Blesswin Winco, the show is part of his ongoing tribute series celebrating iconic rock influencers. Following past sell-out tributes to Toto and Foo Fighters, this edition focuses on recreating Slash's signature sound and stage energy. Featuring a lineup of session artists including Ashish Borde, Jason Sharat, Eric Gerald and Joshua Ashish, the performance will also feature guest vocalists Ananya Raja, Tony Das, George Mammen, Aakarsh Paul, Rhiann and Gia. Students mentored by Winco will open the night. Tickets are available via his Instagram profile @blesswinwinco.

Classical & folk artistes perform at dance festival

Over 100 artistes representing six classical and folk dance forms performed at the Basava Samithi auditorium, Basaveshwara Road, on April 12 as part of the India International Dance Festival. The multi-city festival, co-hosted by Katha Nritya Aangan (Jakkuru) and Basava Samithi, brought together performers showcasing diverse traditions on a single stage. The event was inaugurated by the former Chairman of the Karnataka Legislative Council, Rani Satish. The evening featured Kathak, Odissi, Bharatanatyam, Sambalpuri, Thiruvathirakali and Mohiniyattam. Basava Samithi Vice President Prabhudeva Chigateri and Joint Secretary Nirmala Yaligar attended as guests of honour.

DIWAN & ONLY!

On the 64th death anniversary of Sir MV, take a walk through landmarks that stand in remembrance, with personal memories from his great-grand nephew & insights from his biographer Aparajith Ramnath

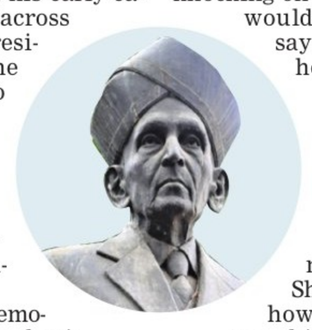
Sir M Visvesaraya with one of his great-grand nephews, Satish Mokshagundam

ANJALI RAM

THE legacy of Sir M Visvesvaraya is not merely confined to statues or textbooks. Taking a walk around the city would simply show how his legacy is built into each corner of the city itself. From the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum to neighbourhoods and institutions that bear his name, one can see the city as a walkthrough of a life that continues to sculpt his imagination of progress.

But for many, that memory begins with a familiar image. As Aparajith Ramnath, author of *Engineering a Nation: The Life and Career of M. Visvesvaraya*, puts it, most Bengalureans see him as a 'phenomenal engineer' and reformer. But, he points out, this is only a fragment of a larger story, stating, "We don't emphasise enough that he was somebody who had a footprint all over India." Ramnath explains that while he remains central to the history of Karnataka, his early career took him across the Bombay Presidency, where he spent over two decades working in places like Pune, Udaipur and parts of Gujarat on irrigation and sanitation projects.

The Visvesvaraya Towers on Ambedkar Veedhi built on the site of the engineer's former house



Yet, public memory often rests on what is majorly visible. Very often, his contributions beyond the monumental are overlooked. "We speak of the Krishna Raja Sagara dam, the Bhadravati Iron and Steel Works and institutions like the Bank of Mysore. While these are significant, one important contribution was during his tenure as Diwan, he greatly expanded primary education in Mysore state, and emphasised female education.," Ramnath points out.

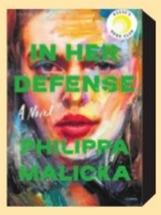
If the city mirrors his public achievements, his family preserves a more intimate memory. With Sheshadri Mokshagundam, the great-grand nephew of Sir MV, describing the weight of carrying forward such a legacy. "Every time I speak about Sir MV, it's a humbling experience. I soak myself fully into the subject, and I submit to the stories passed on to me," he says. Growing up, he recalls, Visvesvaraya was a figure who 'had created a respectful distance' in his mind, whose accomplishments were difficult to fully comprehend at a young age. Yet, at home, he was remembered as simple and grounded. There was also a lighter side to him, often revealed through humour, Sheshadri reminisces, smiling, "He had a crisp sense of humour. On his 92nd birthday, he said old age was regularly knocking on his door but he would send it back, saying he was not home."

What left a lasting impression, however, was his unwavering integrity. Recalling his appointment as Diwan, Sheshadri shares how Sir MV made one thing clear to the family. "I do not want any of the family members to come to me expecting favours or use my name for any advantages," Sheshadri quotes the late reformer, saying it was a principle that underscored his belief in hard work and sincerity above all.

Even today, his legacy continues to expand through institutions and renewed commemorations. For Ramnath, what endures is not just memory, but relevance. "The questions he dealt with – what is a developed society, the role of science and technology, how to remove poverty – are still important," he says, adding, "What truly keeps his legacy alive is not just what he built, but these questions he engaged with when he was alive." Those questions, he says, will keep returning, with each generation finding its own answers.

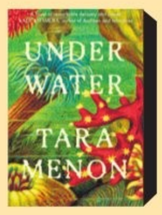
University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), which was established in the year 1917 by Bharat Ratna Sir M Visvesvaraya | PICS: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BOOK NOOK



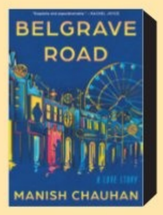
In Her Defense
by Philippa Malicka

A TV star, a therapist and a daughter's fractured memories collide in a courtroom trial gripping the nation. But Augusta Bird, the quiet nobody in the background, knows where the truth is buried.



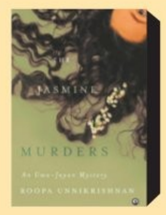
Under Water
by Tara Menon

A childhood spent diving the reefs of Thailand with her best friend Arielle leaves Marissa with a bond she never expected to lose. Years later, back in New York and still haunted by grief, two fateful days force her to finally reckon with the past and learn how to surface.



Belgrave Road
by Manish Chauhan

Mira arrives in England bound to a husband she cannot love, until a quiet man at work begins to truly see her. What grows between them is tender and fragile, caught between the duties that bind them and the lives they are desperately trying to build.



The Jasmine Murders
by Roopa Unnikrishnan

Uma arrives in Manamadurai expecting a sleepy backwater, and finds a town already bleeding beneath the surface. When a grisly murder lands at her doorstep, she must untangle a web of secrets.

A CLOSER LOOK

A visitor bends to get a better look at artist Manjunath Wali's watercolour postcards at his ongoing solo exhbition Keepers of Time – Postcards from Bangalore, MKF Museum of Art, Lavelle Road | **KEVIN NASHON**

QUICKFIX

JACKFRUIT SMOOTHIE

INGREDIENTS

- **Ripe jackfruit (de-seeded and chopped):** 1 cup
- **Banana (for extra creaminess):** 1
- **Milk (or coconut mylk for a tropical flavour):** 1 cup
- **Yoghurt (optional for a thicker texture):** ½ cup
- **Ice cubes:** ½ cup

METHOD

- Add all the ingredients to a blender. Blend until smooth and creamy. Taste and adjust the sweetness if needed. Pour into a glass, garnish with chopped jackfruit or nuts.

Contributed by **Anjali J,** Thodupuzha, Idukki

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

EVERYBODY LOVES SOHRAB HANDA (Hindi)

At an anniversary party, Sohrab Handa is found dead with his throat slit in the hall. As the investigation unravels, friendships are tested and secrets are revealed

Cast: Vinay Pathak, Koel Purie, Neil Bhoopalam

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

FOREIGN

BIG MISTAKES (English, series)

Blackmailed into working for gangsters, two siblings become the most disorganised duo in organised crime.

Cast: Dan Levy, Taylor Ortega, Laurie Metcalf

- **Watch on:** Netflix

THE BOYS (English, series)

The Boys Season 5 is stepping into its final chapter, setting the stage for a brutal and high-stakes conclusion. With Homelander tightening control and Butcher preparing a last move, the story builds towards something irreversible.

Cast: Antony Starr, Karl Urban, Jack Quaid, Erin Moriarty

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

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ANAEMIA IN WOMEN: HERE IS HOW TO FIGHT BACK

If you constantly feel tired despite eating 'healthy,' your body may be lacking one critical element — iron, and also key micronutrients. This may be a sign of anaemia which often remains underdiagnosed in women.

1. UNDERSTAND WHAT ANAEMIA REALLY DOES TO YOUR BODY

Anaemia reduces your blood's ability to carry oxygen, leading to fatigue, weakness, poor stamina and even breathlessness. If your workouts feel harder than usual or recovery is slow, low haemoglobin could be the hidden cause.

2. RECOGNISE EARLY WARNING SIGNS

You can identify anaemia through some common symptoms such as constant fatigue, dizziness, pale skin, hair fall, cold hands or feet. Get a doctor consultation when you see such symptoms instead of ignoring them.

3. ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES

Women are at a higher risk of anaemia due to menstrual blood loss, pregnancy demands and low iron or restrictive diets. Women should start intaking iron rich food.

4. PRIORITISE IRON-RICH FOODS DAILY

Build your meal around iron rich sources such as lentils, pumpkin seeds, spinach, beetroot and leafy greens.

5. MAXIMISE ABSORPTION

Absorption matters as much as intake. One should pair iron foods with Vitamin C for better absorption. Avoiding tea/coffee around meals also helps as they block absorption.

6. DON'T IGNORE SUPPORTING NUTRIENTS

Low levels of vitamin B12 and folate also impair red blood cell production. Include dairy, legumes, greens or supplements if needed.

7. MOVEMENT IMPROVES OXYGEN EFFICIENCY

Light strength training, yoga and walking improve circulation and energy levels. Even 20-30 minutes of daily movement can improve fatigue over time.

8. TEST, DON'T GUESS:

Anaemia often develops silently. Get regular blood tests (haemoglobin, ferritin, B12) — especially if you're active, pregnant or fatigued.

9. SUPPLEMENT STRATEGICALLY

If dietary intake isn't enough, iron supplements can help but only with professional guidance.

Anaemia isn't just a 'women's issue; it's a performance, energy and longevity issue. When you correct it with the right nutrition, absorption strategies and lifestyle habits, your energy, workouts and overall vitality transform dramatically.

By Abhishek K, fitness expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Martial Affairs

Whether you're just curious or looking to boost your fitness, experience Mixed Martial Arts at this session which promises a safe and supportive environment. Experienced instructors will guide participants through striking, grappling, self-defence techniques and more.

WHEN: April 14, 8.30pm | **WHERE:** NY Knockout Academy, Bilekahalli | **CALL:** 97312 64950

Screen Time

Experience the fun of films at this screening of *Kamikaze Girls* (2004) which follows the story of a seemingly detached girl with an obsession for 18th-century French fashion who forms an unexpected bond with a brash biker girl, navigating their unconventional lives in a rural town.

WHEN: April 14, 7pm
WHERE: Underline Center, Domlur
DETAILS: district.in

Bengali Bites

Celebrate Bengali New year in a grand style at Poila Boishakh 2026, a premium food festival. Experience the rich culture, festive spirit and traditional cuisine of Bengal, bringing together food lovers, families and culture enthusiasts.

WHEN: April 14, 7pm onwards
WHERE: Lemon Tree Suites, Whitefield **CALL:** 080 4251 2345

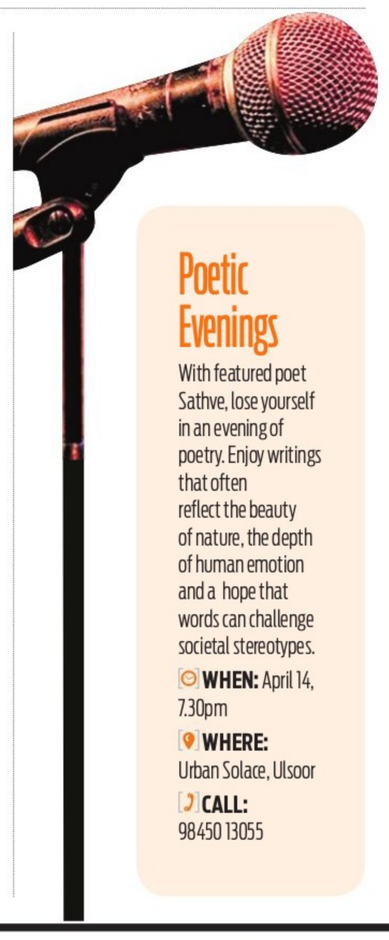
Tasty Playtime

Enjoy a delicious outing with your toddler where both parent and child get to have a hands-on experience decorating and icing cupcakes. Expert bakers from Magnolia Bakery will guide participants though the whole process.

WHEN: April 18, 11am
WHERE: Umi Early Years, Sanjay Nagar
CALL: 86181 91747

Shimmery Creations

Kick back and relax while creating your own shimmery materpiece at this diamond art session. Open to beginners. **WHEN:** April 14, 2pm onwards **WHERE:** Thirdspace – Art Cafe and Community, Hosur Main Road **CALL:** 97394 79209



Poetic Evenings

With featured poet Sathve, lose yourself in an evening of poetry. Enjoy writings that often reflect the beauty of nature, the depth of human emotion and a hope that words can challenge societal stereotypes.

WHEN: April 14, 7.30pm
WHERE: Urban Solace, Ulsoor
CALL: 98450 13055

Vibe Away

Turn up your Tuesday with-energetic beats, crowd-favorite tracks and non-stop party vibes with DJ Prakxx. From throwbacks to trending hits, expect a dancefloor that doesn't slow down.

WHEN: April 14, 8pm
WHERE: Underdoggs, Whitefield
CALL: 90028 91008

ARTCORNER

GOOD MORNING

Artist A Rajeshwara Rao's paintings explore transition, reflecting on the deep influence of popular media on everyday life

ROOMS OF THEIR OWN, OR NOT QUITE

Student accomodations, when planned as prescribed, can shape how people think, rest and carry themselves

PARVANA K B

A room, at its most basic, is an arrangement of essentials – a bed placed against a wall, a desk kept near a source of light, a shelf kept within reach and a window that mediates the outside. It is designed to be functional, sufficient, and, ideally, unobtrusive.

The quality of light, the movement of air, and the proportion of space begin to define how comfortably one can exist within it. A well-balanced room allows routines to settle; a poorly configured one introduces friction into even the simplest tasks. What appears structurally complete may still fail in experience, revealing its shortcomings only over time.

Nowhere is this more evident than in student housing. A hostel room is expected to have a certain balance – a space that feels like home, one that supports study, focus, rest and sleep. But how often is this balance actually maintained?

More often than not, reality shows the opposite. Rooms designed for fewer occupants are stretched beyond capacity, reducing movement to narrow, functional gaps. Light is dim or uneven, ventilation is compromised and windows are either obstructed or insufficient. Heat accumulates within enclosed surfaces, particularly in summers, making the space difficult to inhabit. The result is a gradual depletion of comfort, focus and physical ease.

Evaluating the spaces

Recently, at IIT Kanpur, a study led by professor Anubha Goel examined the relationship between hostel room conditions and sleep quality. Published in the journal *Building and Environment* in November 2025, the study surveyed over 500 students using the Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI), alongside questions on ventilation, temperature, humidity and window usage. Nearly 70 per cent of respondents reported poor sleep quality, with environmental factors emerging as a significant contributor. "Light and ventilation are fundamental to how a space performs. Design can adapt to constraints, but these elements cannot be treated as optional without affecting the people using the space," says architect Vinu Daniel.

A recurring constraint in hostel planning is spatial maximisation, according to interior designer TG Arun. "The focus is often on fitting the maximum number of rooms within a limited footprint. While constraints are real, eliminating access to light and air compromises the usability of the space," he notes. In his project, he introduces internal courtyards and open-to-sky elements to facilitate air movement and reduce spatial density. "Cross ventilation is essential, particularly in rooms occupied for long durations. Without it, the space becomes physically and mentally taxing," Daniel adds.

Hostel buildings are evaluated under green home standards, emphasises architect Deepa Ganesh, adding that making their planning far more consequential than is commonly assumed. "Orientation is one of the first decisions that determines how a building performs," she explains. Aligning a structure along the north-south axis helps reduce heat gain, while the east and west sides where the sun's intensity is strongest require careful handling. She comments, "If living spaces are placed along these directions without mitigation, they tend to overheat. It is more effective to locate areas like staircases, storage, or sanitation along these edges, reserving the more stable zones for regular occupancy."

Window placement, she notes, is equally important. Regularly used rooms should receive a significant share of natural light; in its absence, dependence on artificial lighting increases, often accompanied by higher energy consumption. At the same time, poorly-designed openings can allow excessive glare or heat, forcing occupants to block out daylight altogether with heavy curtains.

Ventilation remains another critical factor. "A minimum proportion of a room's area should remain open to the outside to facilitate both light and airflow. In practical terms, this translates to roughly 10 per cent of the carpet area in standard rooms, and up to 25 per cent in hostel environments where occupancy is higher," she says.

Without this, enclosed spaces tend to feel heavy, often inducing discomfort, drowsiness, or even headaches. Such conditions are commonly associated with Sick Building Syndrome, a phenomenon that refers to acute health and comfort issues linked directly to time spent within a particular building. These symptoms typically improve once the individual leaves the space. The primary causes include poor indoor air quality, inadequate ventilation and the presence of pollutants such as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), often found in modern, tightly enclosed buildings.

Making the right pick

Material selection introduces another layer. Surfaces that absorb and reradiate heat can significantly increase indoor temperatures. In such conditions, even basic activities like studying or resting become difficult. The use of paints, adhesives and finishes with high levels of VOCs can further degrade indoor air quality. "To mitigate heat, careful selection of construction materials is essential. Options such as high solar reflectance coatings for roofs and heat-resistant materials can reduce internal temperature buildup," Deepa says.

The relationship between design and comfort extends to measurable standards. As per the National Building Code of India 2016, dormitory-style accommodation should ideally provide six to eight square metres per student, along with adequate access to light and ventilation. Sanitation, common areas and safety provisions are clearly defined to ensure basic living conditions. Is it unreasonable to expect even this much from a space meant for living?

It is precisely this gap between what is prescribed and what is experienced that concerns practitioners. Human comfort, as Ganesh puts it, "has to be the top priority."

YOUR HOME NEEDS MORE WHIMSY!

DESIGN STORY

Neeta Jessani
A designer and lover of textures making functional spaces aesthetic

AFTER years of chasing calm in extreme minimalism, spaces are getting their personality back! The word whimsical is having a moment this year. Whimsy is not just a trend, but a way of life. There are some spaces that hold stories if you linger long enough. While everyone is embracing the idea of romanticising life, it can be done through your spaces as well.

Whimsical homes remove the need to apologise for quirk, making it a seamless conversation between utility and imagination. These spaces are curated to spark curiosity, storytelling and add joy to the mundane every day. Here are some ways to make your spaces feel more lived in.

Mix it up

The primary rule while adding whimsy to your spaces is to blur the rules. Mix design styles, colours and textures to make it truly yours. If a vintage piece holds memories, add it to your modern home and let it take centre stage unapologetically. If your grandmother's scarf is a piece of heirloom that reminds you of being loved, let it sit on your sofa or at the back of your dining chair so late nights are warmth filled.

Colours and patterns

The simple way to instantly make any space whimsical is by the use of colour. Pick a colour that feels meaningful and screams your name and sprinkle it around as a trail. If the bedroom wall is pink, the cushion on the couch can match that along with the ceramics in the hutch cabinet. The use of colour does not mean repainting every wall in it, an intentional addition through finishes and décor will do. Patterned fabrics, printed wallpapers, or a collection of old cut outs that resonate with you can also be used to decorate walls. Who said your adult room can't be pink? It absolutely can!

Storytelling through objects

Whimsy means personal in simple terms. Be it a gallery wall with pictures, memorabilia collected through travels, collection of heirloom pieces, or the space inspired by something you deeply resonate with. Bring out that teacup with a slight crack, frame your first flight ticket, put out those handwritten letters in a vintage box on your coffee table. Get a chalkboard and write the day's menu on it or perhaps a thought. Keep an unfinished puzzle on the centre table for guests to add a piece whenever they are around. Sprinkle yourself around the space without a second thought and your inner world will be out there.

Bring the outside in

You can add plants to your spaces without it resembling a nursery. One large plant with character often does the job. Greenery adds so much freshness to any space that it is almost always the best solution. With smaller plants that barely require maintenance, a bunch of them around consoles and bookshelves or growing around your pantry upgrades the mood instantly.

There are no rules for whimsy, go big or small. Curate your space to tell your story, reflecting who you truly are rather than making a space similar to a furniture store. Throw your memories and personality around like confetti because your space should celebrate you.

Light it up or down

Every person likes their space lit up differently, few prefer really dim lights while others want to be able to read throughout. Lights play a really big role in adding whimsical touches to any space, whether its fairy lights through your bed or a pendant light above your kitchen counter making late night snacking an experience. Warm lights, if layered well, can instantly change how a space feels and looks almost instantly. If you can't change your lights, change your lightbulbs.

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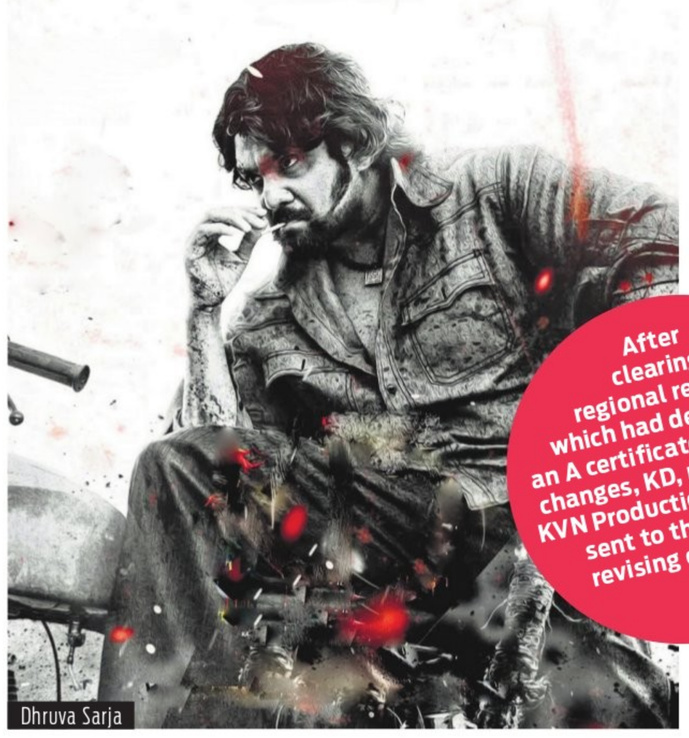
Dhruva Sarja

After clearing regional review, which had decided on an A certificate and minor changes, KD, produced by KVN Productions, has been sent to the Mumbai revising committee

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Looks like KVN Productions has to deal with another censor issue after Vijay's *Jana Nayagan*. This time it is with Dhruva Sarja starrer KD, which is said to have hit an unexpected hurdle. Speaking about this, director Prem called the situation both confusing and unfair to the team.

"We went through the proper channel," Prem says, addressing the controversy. "The regional censor board had already watched *KD*. They were clear in their feedback. They even suggested an 'A' certificate because of the bloodshed, and I was okay with it because I

Prem

didn't want to remove it as it would break the narrative. They even asked us to change just two lines in a song. That's normal, and we were ready to comply."

What has unsettled the director is what followed next. "Suddenly, we are told that the film is not being cleared and is being sent to a revising committee in Mumbai. We had no proper communication, and no clarity. Neither I, nor the producers, nor even the regional censor board officers were formally informed. How does that happen?" he questions.

Prem believes this move goes against the standard certification process. "If a regional board has already reviewed and given its direction, there is a system to follow, Here, it feels like that system has been bypassed, now the film setn to Mumbai revising committe. We are not against scrutiny, but there has to be transparency. This is not just about *KD*. Kannada films often seem to face these last-minute obstacles. It delays releases, affects planning, and puts unnecessary pressure on the team," says Prem.

Now, with the release date approaching, the *KD* team has to address these issues. "We have done everything asked of us. We respect the board, but fairness cannot be one-sided. Right now, we have to wait for the process to get the certificate."

I've never let failures pull me down: Dharma Keerthiraj

Risha Gowda, Dharma Keerthiraj, and Anusha Rai

Dharma, along with co-actors Anusha Rai and Risha Gowda, talk about the film's mix of suspense, romance, and second chances

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DHARMA KEERTHIRAJ finds himself at an interesting crossroads—both as an actor and as someone who has weathered the industry's ups and downs. In this conversation, joined by his *Bengaluru Inn* co-actors Anusha Rai and Risha Gowda, the team reflects on the film, their roles, and what makes this project personal, ahead of the film's release on April 17.

"*Bengaluru Inn* is not just a thriller," Dharma begins, leaning into the layered nature of the film. "I play a pizza delivery boy, someone who wants to achieve something in life. He's grounded, but ambitious. When a murder mystery unfolds around him, it changes everything. There's tension, but there's also a love story that gives the character emotional depth."

The actor is candid when asked about his journey so far. "I've never let failures pull me down. At home, my father has always been like a teacher to me. Even when certain films didn't work, I didn't carry that disappointment forward. There was a phase I moved to Chennai, unsure of what was next, but opportunities came back. That belief kept me going."

For Risha Gowda, the film feels like a turning point. "Honestly, I didn't expect my second film to be with someone like Dharma," she says. "The story stood out immediately. If I hadn't done *Bengaluru Inn*, I sometimes wonder if I would still be navigating the same space. This film has changed things for me."

Anusha Rai sees the film as both entertaining and relevant. "It's a suspense thriller, but there's also a very relatable love story. The title may say Bengaluru, but the situations in the film can happen anywhere. There's also a message for youngsters, something subtle but important," she notes.

Directed by Karthik K Murthy, the film also features Shashikumar in a key role as a cop. As the release nears, Dharma sums it up: "We've tried to tell a story that feels real, but keeps you hooked. That's what we're hoping audiences take back." Produced by Ghana Venkatesh Murthy, the film also stars Bala Rajwadi, Manju Pavagada, and Kumar Kanhaiya Singh. The film's music is by Asif Kader and Aravind Murali, cinematography by Naveen Panchakshari, and editing by CK Kumar.

Ruby Modine, Richard Harmon team up for a horror

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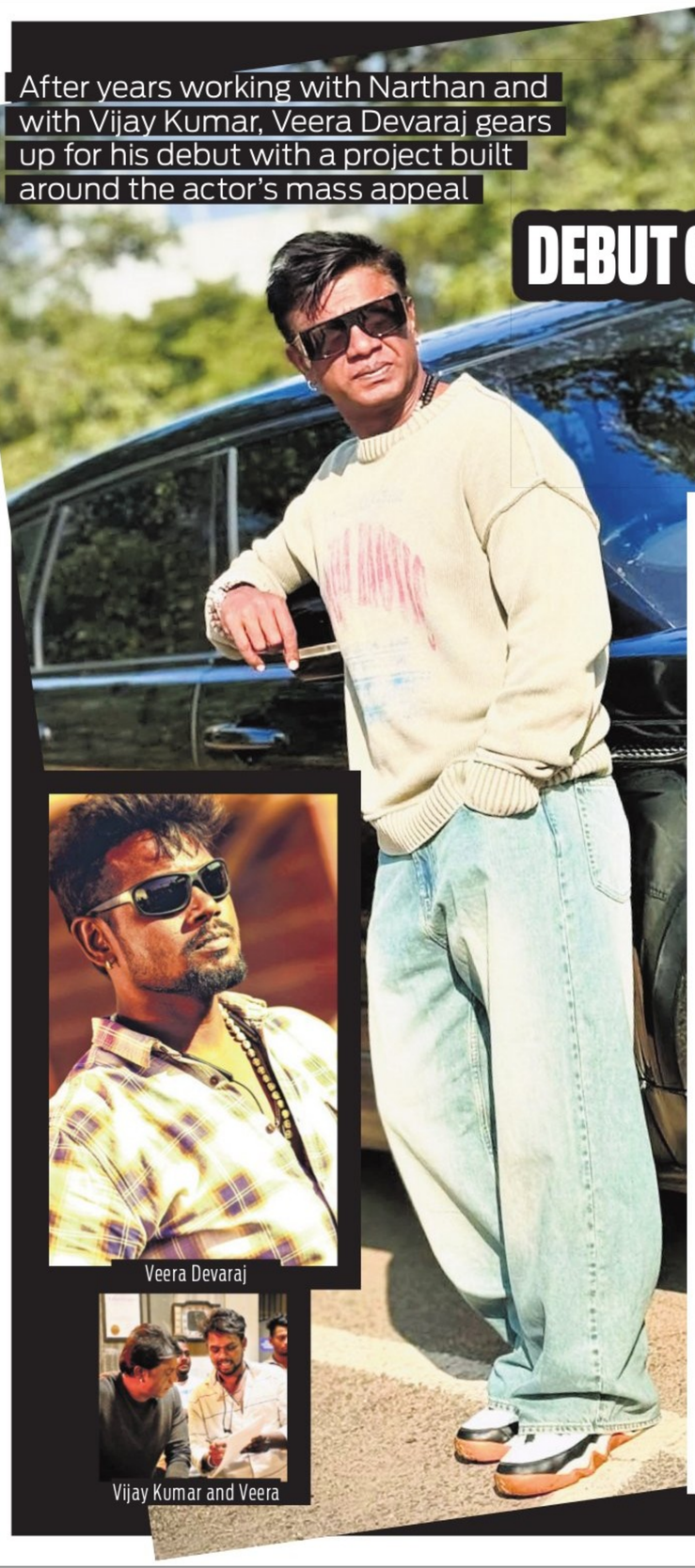
ACTORS Ruby Modine (*Shameless* and *Happy Death Day*) and Richard Harmon (*Final Destination: Bloodlines* and *Memory of a Killer*) are starring in the upcoming horror-thriller, *A Most Delightful Game*. The two are joined by Karin Konoval (*The Planet of the Apes*) in the film, which is being directed by debutant Boman Modine.

Set during the 80s, *A Most Delightful Game* follows a young woman's pursuit of answers about her sister's tragic death. She is led to a death-stricken highway, where she is forced to battle against an unknown evil.

A Most Delightful Game is written by Cynthia Mersten along with Boman. Artem Vasilyev and Vladislav Severtsev are producing the film, which has cinematographer Alfonso Chin, known for *Longlegs*, *Deadpool 2*, and *Peacemaker*.

After years working with Narthan and with Vijay Kumar, Veera Devaraj gears up for his debut with a project built around the actor's mass appeal

VIJAY KUMAR'S NEXT TO MARK DIRECTORIAL DEBUT OF LONGTIME ASSOCIATE VEERA



Veera Devaraj

Vijay Kumar and Veera

A SHARADHAA

VEERA DEVARAJ, is finally stepping into the spotlight after more than a decade of learning the craft. Having assisted actor-director Vijay Kumar since *Bheema* and continuing through *City Lights*, Veera is now set to make his directorial debut, helming his first film for Vijay Kumar, with groundwork reportedly underway over the last eight months.

Veera's journey has been steady and rooted in hands-on experience. Apart from his long association with Vijay Kumar, he has also worked with director Narthan on films like *Mufti* and *Bhairathi Rangal*, gaining exposure to varied storytelling styles. He even had a brief acting stint in *Bheema*.

The yet-to-be-titled film will mark Vijay Kumar's next outing as an actor after *Landlord*. The actor also has commitments beyond Kannada cinema. He awaits the release of the Tamil film, *Mookuthi Amman 2*, starring Nayanthara, and has completed shooting for Puri Jagannadh's *Slum Dog*, alongside Vijay Sethupathi.

At the same time, Vijay Kumar is busy wrapping up his third directorial venture, *City Lights*, which features his daughter Monisha Vijay Kumar and Vinay Rajkumar. The makers are planning to bring it to theatres soon.

Veera's debut project is expected to be a mass commercial entertainer with strong family and action elements, aligning closely with Vijay Kumar's on-screen image. Casting is currently underway, and an official announcement is likely next month, with plans to take the film on floors within the year.

Vijay Kumar has consistently backed talent that has grown alongside him, and Veera's launch is another example of that trust. After years of collaboration and learning under him, Veera now takes charge, ready to translate his experience into a film headlined by his longtime mentor.

I don't have the power to design my career yet: Amol Parashar

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

AMOL Parashar speaks with a composed nonchalance, except when he gets talking about DJ Chitvan. The character from TVF's 2016 series *Tripling* was the breakout role for Parashar. A scene from the show, where he fiddles with a turntable and gives a "performance" in a family gathering (The song was titled "*Mada Faka*"), went viral on social media. The character also earned him some earnest fans. "This guy met me on the street one day and asked me to say it once," remembers Parashar. "He won't let go of my hand. I finally caved in and said the dialogue: 'Baba, you are beautiful'."

Parashar started his career with a minor role in Ranbir Kapoor's cult comedy-drama *Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year* (2009). Since then, he has played a sensitive delivery boy

who romances Konkona Sensharma's character in *Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitaare* (2020), a doctor who finds himself stuck in a rural medical care centre in *Gram Chikitsalay* (2025) and the freedom fighter Bhagat Singh in Shoojit Sircar's *Sardar Udham* (2021). He will next be seen in *The Bureaucrat*, an Amazon MX player series about a conman who fakes being an IAS officer. In a telephonic conversation, Parashar discusses the series, why he thinks he isn't approached with 'bad guy' roles, why he can't yet demand a film like *Kabir Singh* (2019), and more.

Excerpts:

Tell me about *The Bureaucrat*. Although no teaser or trailer is out yet, the synopsis seems interesting—"After several failed attempts to crack the UPSC, a young IAS aspirant turns into a conman posing as a bureaucrat." It's like an anti-*12th Fail*...

(*laughs*) It is. The protagonist, however, doesn't start off from an evil place. He begins as a well-meaning person and then eventually transforms. To hide one big lie you have to tell multiple small ones, it is something like that. I got attracted to the character because I guess, I have always been drawn to stories of morally ambiguous people. And in this case, there was a well etched-out arc of how he actually became that person.

Do these grey characters often come your way?

They have only started being made recently with the advent of OTT, but yeah, I don't think they reach me because sometimes a lot of first level casting happens with the visual imagination. Physically, I don't exactly fall in the image of a bad boy. Also, I didn't just want to play one just for the sake of it. I would prefer to wait for the right project.

An actor who looks like a good guy but plays a bad guy gives something new to the audience...

Yes. It's new for both the viewer and the actor. I mean, as long as the actor wants to do it. Some people, however, have this thing that they want to always play good characters on screen.

Things are completely opposite now though, now actors don't want to play good guys...

(*laughs*) I agree. Now everybody wants to have an edge. But for me, it is not about being good or bad, it's about doing something new.

With these alpha male characters pulling audiences into theatres, do you as an actor also feel a certain pressure to gravitate towards such roles?

Frankly, currently I don't have the power to design my career. I can only choose from the projects that come my way. If I get two films or series whose schedules are clashing, I can only decide which one to go for. I mean, I can't actually wake up one day and say I want to do a Kabir Singh, get me the script.

Varun Dhawan film gets new release date

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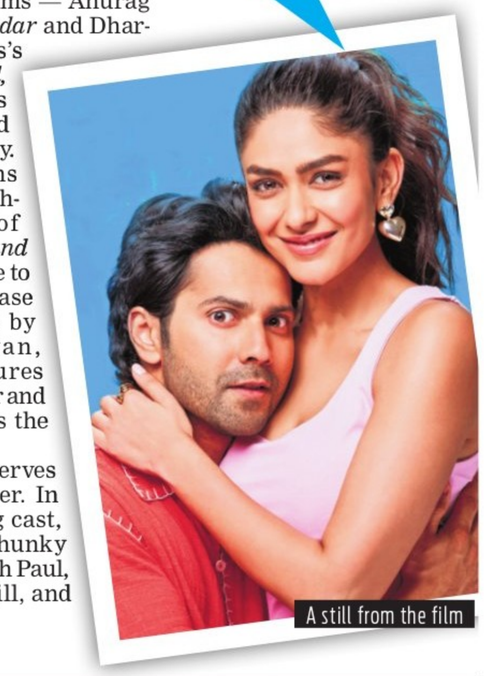
THE makers of the upcoming Varun Dhawan starrer Hai *Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai* (HJTIHA) began their promotions a few days ago by releasing the first look posters of all the lead actors. Now, delivering a major surprise, the team has decided to advance the release by three weeks.

Earlier slated for June 12 release, Hai *Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai* will now arrive in theatres on May 22. This is a fascinating move by the makers, considering May 22 was also the release date for two other major films — Anurag Kashyap's *Bandar* and Dharma Productions's *Chand Mera Dil*, which stars Lakshya and Ananya Panday. Now it remains to be seen whether makers of *Bandar* or *Chand Mera Dil* decide to shift their release date. Directed by David Dhawan, HJTIHA features Mrunal Thakur and Pooja Hegde as the female leads.

Tips Films serves as the producer. In the supporting cast, the film has Chunky Pandey, Maniesh Paul, Jimmy Sheirgill, and Mouni Roy.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